

## **INSPIRED WORD**

**October 28, 2015**

### **PRAYER**

Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever! Now and forever, praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ!! Lord, we come here in this place tonight to give You that praise, to surrender our hearts to You, and open our hearts to Your Holy Spirit present here. We also open our hearts to the Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit through which You will minister to those who are present here tonight. Give us, O Lord, that will, that desire to be used by You tonight. Grant us that love, Your love, for our brothers and sisters here and help us to experience Your love for us. Praise to You, Jesus, glory to You! Amen.

### **TEACHING**

We have a Lord Who loves us and He knew us before creation was to be made. We have a Lord Who sent us the Savior when we fell and sinned. We have a Lord Who leads us back to the house of the Father. We have a Father Who can't wait to hear our voices, and we have a Spirit, the Spirit of love, Who comes here in this place when we offer praise to God. The Spirit comes to us in a very special way as we lift up our voices, as we lift up our praises, as we become free in praise to Him. He comes and makes His home among us. We speak to Him, we praise Him, and He comes, touches us, and through us in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, He reaches out to all of us present here.

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Colossians 2: 13 – 15:** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

### **PRAYER**

Thank You, Father, for calling us Your sons and daughters. Thank You, Jesus, for walking with us and strengthening us; and thank You, Spirit, for being the power of love within us. Thank you, Lord!

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalms 51: 10 – 13:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your Presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalms 3 – 5:** Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You. I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You.

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalms 9: 1 – 2:** I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 138: 1 – 2:** I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; before the gods I will sing Your praise. I will bow down toward Your holy temple and will praise Your name for Your love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 91: 1 – 4, 9 – 11:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I trust." Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and buckler. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you; no scourge come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 24: 3 – 4, 7 – 10:** Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is He, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty, He is the King of glory.

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 146: 5 – 10:** Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; He upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 100:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

## **SCRIPTURE**

**1 Maccabees 2: 51 – 61:** Remember the deeds that our fathers did in their times, and you shall win great glory and an everlasting name. Was not Abraham found faithful in trial, and it was reputed to him as righteousness? Joseph, when in distress, kept the commandment, and he became master of Egypt. Phinehas our father, for his burning zeal, received the covenant of an everlasting priesthood. Joshua, for executing his commission, became a judge in Israel. Caleb, for bearing witness before the assembly, received an inheritance in the land. David, for his piety, received as a heritage a throne of everlasting royalty. Elijah, for his burning zeal for the law, was taken up to heaven. Hananiah, Azariah and Mishael, for their faith, was saved from the fire. Daniel, for his innocence, was delivered from the jaws of

lions. And so, consider this from generation to generation, that none who hope in Him shall fail in strength.

### **IMAGE**

During this last song, I had an image of a river flowing up here across the altar. Jesus walked up and went down on one knee next to the river. We were all watching Him as He reached down and put one hand in the water. When He brought His hand up, the water just ran through His fingers and then He looked up at all of us. That was all I had in this image.

### **IMAGE**

I had an image of a lightning bolt.

### **EXHORTATION**

When we sang the song: 'Come, Holy Spirit, send down Your fire' and then 'let it rain', I was thinking that it sounded kind of dangerous with fire and rain. What are we going to do with it? I think that the Lord is calling us to accept His fire into ourselves. We ask for things all of the time, like help; but when He offers us strength in the fire and maybe even in the river, we need to accept it. We need to accept His strength, not only for ourselves, but for our families and for people around us – for those who need healing and strength – so we need to welcome and accept His fire within us.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, we open our hearts to Your fire poured forth and to Your river of grace flowing in this place right now.

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 46: 10:** Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with My right hand of justice.

### **CONFIRMATION**

There were confirmations of this Scripture from two people in the assembly.

### **EXHORTATION**

As Denise was telling us about the image she had of the flowing river and Jesus kneeling down by it, the words that kept coming to me were: 'Come to the river.' He is inviting us to come and step into the water.

### **IMAGE**

As we were talking about the fire and water the image that came to my mind was the Divine Mercy image. I know in the image it is blood and water, but it just reminded me of fire and water at the moment.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, here we are; we heard about Your fire and water and Your invitation to come into the water. We also were reminded of Your Divine Mercy image and Your blood and water. Help us, Lord, to open up our hearts to receive that grace which You pour forth upon us for the mission that You want to give us. Amen!

