

INSPIRED WORD

September 23, 2015

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we give You praise and gratitude for another glorious day in Your creation. Our hearts are drawn here tonight to continue in our journey to build and strengthen our relationship with You, and to give You honor. Lord, we lift up those who are not physically able to be with us here tonight and ask that You touch them wherever they are with Your holy blessings. Also, Lord, protect our pope in his journeys and grant him safety and protection. Thank You, Lord, for loving us unconditionally and never losing hope in us. With that we pray: "Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34: "The days are coming", declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord. "I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," because they all will know Me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

SCRIPTURE

Romans 11: 25 – 27: I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins."

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 63: 1 – 4: O God, You are my God – for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts, like a land parched, lifeless, and without water. I look to You in the sanctuary to see Your power and glory. For Your love is better than life; my lips shall ever praise You!

SCRIPTURE / SENSE / PRAYER

Jesus says to us in **John 12 – The Coming of Jesus' Hour: verses 32 – 33:** "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself." He said this indicating the kind of death He would die. As we sang that song about 'Jesus being Lord over all', that Scripture came to my mind and also the sense that as we lift up our hearts and voices in praise, He begins to draw us closer to Himself; and as we look up

to Him with praise, our hearts, our minds, and our wills are drawn closer to Him. Jesus, we thank You! We lift up to You our songs of praise for You indeed are Lord – Jesus is Lord! And when we do that, Lord, You draw us closer to You. We thank You for meeting us here in this place right now.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 9 – 11: You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, and do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and His arm rules for Him. See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him. He tends His flock like a Shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.

IMAGE

When the Scripture in Isaiah was being read, I had the image of the word JOY.

CONFIRMATION

I confirm that image as well.

SHARING

One thing that comes to my mind is the sunset that we saw this evening, and it was displayed in many different colors. We see the color gold in the sunset, but we don't see the color gold in the rainbow. It is like God has refined our day, as He is refining each of us.

CONFIRMATION

The word JOY has been with me also. So what does this tell us? If a word presents itself like this more than once, then the anointing and the grace are there with us.

SUMMARY

Do you think that the Lord wants us to experience joy, since the word JOY was placed on several hearts here tonight? So this is what we need to work on in our lives this week. He wants us to experience the joy, the love, the mercy, and the forgiveness which He has for each one of us here tonight.