

INSPIRED WORD
August 24, 2016

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit! Release within us that love, that zeal to offer You praise tonight from the depths of our hearts. Glory to You, O God!

PRAYER

Lord, no matter where we have been, no matter what we have done, we turn to You, Lord, as forgiveness is poured forth upon us. O Lord Jesus, glory to You!! We thank You, Lord, for that love, for that mercy, for that forgiveness and salvation! Thank You for being with us here tonight! Glory to You, O God!

PRAYER

His love is eternal and everlasting! Even before we were born, He knew us and we existed in the heart and mind of God before we even took shape here. **(Reference: Psalm 139: 13 – 16)** Lord, help us here this night to return that love to You. Glory to You, O Lord! Thank You, Lord!

PRAYER

Lord, we do have the right to be joyous because we are loved so much by You. We are the sons and daughters of the Father.

SCRIPTURE

In **John**, when the Lord tells us who He is, He also has a promise attached to that. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life". Then as His promise, He said, "Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty." We can hold on to that promise! Further down in scripture: Jesus said, "I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven." His promise is: "Whoever eats this Bread will live forever." **(Reference: John 6: 35, 51)** Then further down, He said, "I am the Gate." His promise is: "Whoever enters through Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pastures." Then Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd." His promise is: "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." **(Reference: Chapter 10: 9, 11)** Then in **verse 14**, Jesus says again, "I am the Good Shepherd." His promise is: "I know My own and My own know Me." So He promises all of these things of Who He is, and what He does for us. We can hold onto these promises with certainty!

PRAYER

Lord, pour Your Holy Spirit down upon us. We yearn for Your Presence within us, revealing Your love to us and empowering us with Your charisms, so we may proclaim the Kingdom of God - Your kingdom, Lord Jesus! That we may proclaim Your Kingdom everywhere we go, in all circumstances, and in all places, and to all people!

SENSE

I have a sense that there is someone here tonight who is having problems with their hearing; they have a problem with their ears. A man present did say that he was having problems with hearing in his left ear.

PRAYER

Lord, we open up our hearts to You, and to Your love which You pour forth now in this place. Lord, open the eyes of our hearts that we might see You! Open our ears that we might hear You; and our hearts too that we might love You! Help us, O Lord, that we might be channels of Your love, of Your consolation, of Your encouragement, and of Your hope.

SCRIPTURE

John 4: 10: Jesus answered the Samaritan woman at the well, "If you knew the gift of God and Who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water. Then further down in this chapter, Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **Reference: Verses 13 – 14)**

IMAGE / PRAYER

When we, the pastoral team, were in the back praying before this prayer and praise meeting began, I had an image of a fire, the fire of the Lord to purify. It came to my mind that sometimes we are afraid of holiness, we are afraid that God is going to take away from us those things which are good and which we like. What are we going to be left with when that happens? This is about fear! It is a fear, but that is not the purification that the Lord offers us. The purification which the Lord offers us is that He is going to burn away those evil things, those things that prevent us from coming close to Him. Those are the things that He is going to purify within us – hatred, envy, self-centeredness, and so forth. These are the kinds of things He is going to burn away by His fire of purification, so we might radiate His love in our beings. So Lord, here we are and we want You to purify us, to take away those things which hold us back from You. Burn away all those things which prevent us from coming close to You, Lord!

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I want to confirm that, as it says in **1 John 4: 18:** There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear.

IMAGE / EXHORTATION

At the beginning of this praise and worship, we sang, "My Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You." At that time I saw an image of Jesus Who was sitting on a low stool here in the sanctuary on the top step by the altar. He was just sitting there waiting and He is waiting for us to surrender our lives to Him. That is our call from Him! Come forward and do that!

IMAGE

I had an image of the heart of Jesus and it was such an overwhelming image of His heart.

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

In the image that Gloria had, Jesus asks us to give to Him, to surrender our lives to Him. And we had an invitation to come forward and do just that. We must come out of our seats, come forward and really act upon this, saying, "Lord, here I am tonight, and I want to surrender my life to You! I want You to take my heart and form it, take my mind and transform it, and take my will and conform it to Yours!" If you feel the desire to respond to that invitation, please come up here right now.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we love You! We are here to surrender our lives, our hopes and desires, our cares, our fears, and our weaknesses to You, Lord, to surrender to Your will. We surrender all to you for Your mercy, Your healing and forgiveness. Lord, we know that You will never turn away from anyone who comes to You. For all who come to You, You stretch out Your arms and embrace them and fill them with Your love. O Jesus! O Jesus, help us to surrender to You now!

TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

I am the Author; stop trying to write My book for Me. Stop trying to tear out the pages which I have already written.

INTERPRETATION

My children, I call you to love My people!

INTERPRETATION

Say "Yes" to My love!

INTERPRETATION

My people, the word "surrender" sometimes has a negative connotation in today's culture. Some think of it as quitting, or giving up. But the surrender that I call for is loving and easy. I want you to give your life to Me! I want all of you! It is not a sign of weakness; it is a sign of strength and trusting Me. I know what is best for you and I love you!

INTERPRETATION

Accept the fire of My love, so that you may become fire.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43: 2 – 5: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Since you are precious and honored in My sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you.

