

INSPIRED WORD
November 30, 2016

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You that we are able to come here tonight and give You praise and worship! Help us that we may give You true praise from the depths of our beings tonight because You are glorious, You are mighty, You are beyond our imagination, and You are all-loving and all-merciful. O Lord, hear our voices raised up to You tonight! We are the flock You have chosen, the people You love. Jesus, You care for us and we are here tonight to lift high Your holy Name and to give You praise. Amen!

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, enable us to praise and worship our living God! Lord, You walk with us in all circumstances and situations. Praise to You, Lord! We thank You, Lord, for being with us here and now in this place. We welcome You! Spirit of God, we welcome You!

SHARING

Tonight we are celebrating the baptism of a baby, with the members of this praise community, in the presence of the Lord and the Eucharist, and in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The proud parents are members of this praise community.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 34: 3 – 4: Let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Let us exalt the name of God together forever.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

During the baby's baptism, I looked out at the candles, and I noticed that there were different colors in the flames - the colors of red, orange and blue. We need to be like the blue flames, to be as hot as we can be for Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 98: 1 – 2: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 11: 33 – 36: Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are His judgments and how unsearchable His ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor? Or who has given Him anything that he may be repaid?" For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3: 14 – 21: For this reason I kneel before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He may grant you in accord with the riches of His glory to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him Who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

PROPHECY

Before you spoke, I got the words: “No matter what challenges you face, no matter what trials you face, **I am with you!**”

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I confirm what has been just been spoken. The Lord is telling us that we have a cup which we are to drink – a mission that we have to accomplish, but as we just heard in Prophecy, **He is going to be with us.** From **Psalms 23: 1 – 6:** The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me; You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name. Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm for You are at my side; Your rod and staff give me courage. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

SCRIPTURE

Since we celebrated the baptism of a baby boy tonight, I thought that these scripture verses were appropriate. In **Proverbs 22: 6:** Train a boy in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not swerve from it. Then in **3 John 1: 4:** Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

PRAYER

Lord, fill us with Your power that we might be able to spread Your Kingdom and to be able to speak Your Word and to be able to pray. Lord, touch the hearts of everyone here tonight and light that fire! Light that fire within us, Lord!

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

Ezekiel 47: 3 – 12: It is talking about a river that flows out from the threshold of the temple of God. “Then when he walked off to the east with a measuring cord in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and had me wade through the water, which was ankle-deep. Then he measured off another thousand cubits and once more had me wade through the water, which was now knee-deep. Again he measured off a thousand and led me through water that was up to my waist. Once more he measured off another thousand, but there was now a river through which I could not cross; for the water had

risen so high and could not be crossed except by swimming. Then he brought me to the bank of the river, where he had me sit. Along the bank of the river I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. He said to me, 'This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Fishermen shall be standing along the shore, spreading out their nets. The fish will be of many kinds – like the fish of the Great Sea. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor shall their fruit fall. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine.' God calls us to that deep water where we are to surrender and keep our eyes above the waves. He has called us there because good things happen there when we rely on Him and trust in Him in faith. Good things happen there for healing, for our faith, and for our lives. Sometimes I think it is just good to know why we are called into that deep place, because of all the blessings that come from it.