

Let's Worship God

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Monday - Isaiah 54:13-17 - Safe in Her Husband's Law

We who are the bride of Christ have an internal safety and protection from our maker and husband. We are safe, of course, from the enemies on the outside. Not only is it the case that they cannot penetrate our jewel bespangled walls, but it is their walls that shall fall. It is their gate which cannot stand before the church of Christ, before the church whom Christ says He is building. We are safe on the inside as well! How can we say we're safe on the inside? The true church of Jesus Christ will never be subverted. Traitors may arise in the midst, but the real people of God have always been and shall always be preserved. All the true children of the church of Jesus Christ, as we read here in verse 13, shall be taught by Jehovah. They have the fullness of His word here in the Scripture. They have new hearts inhabited by the Holy Spirit, and they are able to receive His Word. As the church, the bride of Jesus, trusts in her maker and husband, she shall be free from the ultimate terror of destruction, from enemies on the outside, or from traitors and apostates on the inside. Ultimately she learns more and better, to trust in her Lord, who has done so and always shall continue to deliver her from her fears and doubts.

The bride of Christ is safe from oppressors, as we see in verses 15 through 17. If we are in Jesus Christ, there are afflictions, there are trials, there are troubles that come upon us simply because we are believers (Psalm 34:19). They come upon the church as well. What God is saying here, though, is that although these things may happen, and although enemies may band together, all their strength, everything they attempt to do, will come to nothing. God knows all things, and God brings about all things. This blacksmith who is making weapons for the enemies, he's in God's control, too. If he's making a sword for the enemies of the bride of Jesus Christ, then God will break that sword. Nothing made against the people of God shall ultimately prosper. God will bring about in His people not destruction, but the ability to trust Him more. He will bring about more holiness in them, more beauty. The bride of Jesus Christ, of which you are a part, is safe in her covenant husband. She is safe in the righteousness she has been given because of what He has done, as we see in that last clause, that righteousness that He earned by His life, His perfect life, His atoning death, and His victorious resurrection.

Question

1. How do we know that we are safe in Christ?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the safety we have in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; Isaiah 55:6

Praise: Psalm 5- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Isaiah 55:1-2 - The Wonderful Offer

See what is freely offered, freely given in these two verses. It is as if someone is on a hilltop with a crowd below him milling about. From the hilltop, he calls out loudly but clearly. Everyone looks up to him, and to them he begins these gladsome words. It's a call to those in whom God has put a hunger and thirst for righteousness. This is not mere water, but waters. Abundant, life giving, cleansing for those who are filthy, quenching for those who are desperate and dry, and significant of the gift of the Holy Spirit. These waters are for those who have a deep thirst, who have a maddening thirst, and have no resources. But these waters are given freely and graciously by Him Who calls. When we are thirsting, and we are desperate, and we are dying because of our sin, God gives us this water. But look here, our gracious and good God gives us far more. Here is wine to cheer and strengthen. Here is milk to nourish even the weakest. God in Christ blesses us not with merely what will allow us to survive, but to flourish in Jesus as well, even as He provides in Christ a full salvation.

These poor people are trying to fill themselves with that which will not satisfy their hunger and thirst for righteousness. People will put their trust in one thing or another, but it will not satisfy. Nothing can satisfy but what is offered here to anyone who will drink of it, to anyone who will partake of it. This, and this alone can satisfy. Jesus is the bread of life. Jesus is the everlasting water. Have you hungered and thirsted for righteousness? Have you been filled by the bread of life and Him who gives living waters? Then you know. You know that here and here alone is satisfaction. Or are you still hungry? Do you feel the pangs of hunger and, yes, the very pangs of death themselves? Do you feel that you are starving on the fare that you have been feeding yourself? And are you parched and dry, thirsting for forgiveness of sin, thirsting for abundant and everlasting life? Thirsting to know a God who will be kind to you and cherish you evermore? Set aside that which cannot satisfy. If you hunger and thirst, drink of grace in Christ, for Jesus Himself gives living water. Take yourself to Him who has called Himself the bread of life. No matter what you are, no matter what you've done, no matter what you you have been, He implores you. He begs you to come!

Questions

1. What do people think will satisfy them?
2. How does Jesus satisfy?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's gracious offer.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; Isaiah 55:6

Praise: Psalm 6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Wednesday - Isaiah 55:3-5 - Hear and Live

In verse 2, we have the command and plea to listen. Here in verse 3 God makes it more plain. Christ is called the Word in John 1:1. He has come as the revelation of God in the flesh. He is God's beloved Son - hear Him! (Matthew 17:5) He has good news of forgiveness, of resurrection, of new and eternal life. Hear Him, hear His apostles, hear as they preach Christ and Him crucified, hear as they command and plead for you to come to Him. He receives the spiritually dead and makes them live! To you are the sure mercies promised to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16, mercies bought by the life, death, and resurrection of the One promised to David, in Whom all the promises are yes and amen.

This One, this Servant, this Messiah, is God's leader for the people. He goes before them into death, that they may live. He goes before them in His resurrection, and He goes to prepare a place for them. He, as their King and Priest, commands, marshals, and uses them for their, for your, good and blessing, for His kind and loving purposes, and for His Father's delight and glory. And here is the promise of blessing, not destruction, for the nations. They shall not reluctantly or shyly come to Him, but to Him they shall run. This is Jehovah's will, and He shall bring it about.

Questions

1. Who is the One to whom we should listen?
2. How is Christ a leader?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; Isaiah 55:6

Praise: Psalm 7 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Thursday - Isaiah 55:6-7- Seek the LORD Now!

Seeking, here, means diligently searching out. You might not seek a crumb that fell on the floor, but you would a gold coin. Calling, here, means a crying out to someone. It's a strong crying out, an earnest and heart-felt one. You must do this when He may be found. He is present in many situations, kindly inviting sinners to Himself. It is in the preaching of the Word, in the sacraments, when a friend speaks to you of Jesus, when He puts into you longings for Him, and in many other situations. You must do this while He is near. He is Immanuel - God with us. He has taken the initiative, in giving promises in His Word. He is present wherever you are, and can and will see you when you seek and hear you when you call, and will receive you in Christ. All this implies that there will be a time when He will not be found or be near. Think of Jesus' own teaching in the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). You may come to death, after which is judgement (Hebrews 9:27), not another chance.

If man be totally unable to do godly things, how can God make this exhortation? It is because He works in the preaching, teaching, and hearing of His Word. He is at work within you both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). Just as the lame man heard and believed and stood up with ankles unable to do it, in faith in Christ, at the command of Peter and John (Acts 3:1-10), so elect sinners may and will seek, call, find, and be heard, and received. God commands all this, and has made abundantly clear that He will not refuse any who seek Him and call to Him in Christ. This has been the message and shall be the message of this entire chapter.

As we see in Psalms 14 and 53, as well as other portions of Scripture put together by Paul in Romans 3, man's heart is full of deceit and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). Man's way continues as it has since the Fall. His goal is his own glory and domination, his motivation is self love, and his standard is his own conception of right and wrong that is measured by His pleasure. He is unrighteous in that he not only does not heed the Law of God, but flouts it and delights to do so (Romans 1:32). The gracious call to such, however is to turn, with the amazing assurance that there will be mercy and abundant pardon. It is not that God will do a reset, or only forget about things. He is just and righteous! Someone must pay, and Someone does, that being the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 3:26).

Questions

1. Is there a time when it is too late to seek God?
2. What does God promise in these verses?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that those around us would turn to God before it is too late.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; Isaiah 55:6

Praise: Psalm 8 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Friday - Isaiah 55:8-9 - God's Thoughts and Ways

Just as God speaks of the wicked forsaking his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, He now speaks of His own thoughts and His own ways. They are different, altogether, than man's. We may think that we are not so bad, or that God is not so righteous. Thus, we think we can please Him in our own way. Or we may try to think of some other ultimate god or ideology, that is unthreatening or nonjudgmental. Going to some other extreme, we may despair, thinking we would never forgive if we were in God's place! We have sinned too often, too foolishly, too badly. Surely God cannot, will not forgive us. We are partly right here in our thinking, in that justice must be carried out. However, such thoughts are not God's thoughts. In answer to the first two, He is righteous and just. Judgement by the Living and True God shall come. In answer to the last, He is righteous and just, indeed, but merciful and pardoning, and He has wisely devised a way to be both just and the justifier of those who have faith in Jesus (Romans 3:26). He has thought and decreed this long ago in Heaven above. It must eternally abide, and is true even yet!

Man's ways would be to go on a road to his own glory, in a manner that exalts his own wisdom and his own determination of good and evil, of even reality itself. We see this, again, in his invention of all sorts of idols and ideologies. He is ever seeking to rise up to the throne of Heaven by a new sort of Tower of Babel. All this, or else he cannot evade any longer the truth that he must deal with the Living and True God, so he runs away! God's Way, which comes from Heaven, is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the Saviour Whom He has provided, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is that new and living Way (Hebrews 10:20) by which we enter into all the life, all the blessedness, all the mercy and pardon that we've seen though this chapter! Let us forsake our old way and thoughts, then, and yield ourselves to Christ, for in Him, in Him alone, is mercy, pardon, and life.

Questions

1. How are God's thoughts different from ours?
2. Who is the Way?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; Isaiah 55:6

Praise: Psalm 9- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - Isaiah 55:10-11 - God's Powerful Word

How do we know about God's thoughts and ways? We would not be able to figure them out ourselves. We are only creatures of His, not the Creator Himself. It is by His Word, the Scriptures, the Bible, which comes from heaven high above. It is like the rain coming down and the snow from heaven. Water is used as a picture in Scripture. Water is that which gives life. Without water, there is death. We need the water spoken of in Scripture. Man is dry, man is dead without God's sovereign grace. Only God can bring the rain and the snow. Only God can give life to the death below. God's Word shall do, says God, what I plan for it to do, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

The marvelous thing about the written Word of God is that it is given by the Spirit of God and taken by the Spirit of God and planted within us. God's powerful Word took you from being dead and made you alive. It continues to be powerful as the Holy Spirit applies it. We can entirely trust Him in and through all sorts of difficult circumstances. We can trust His promises that the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. We can have confidence, as we tell others of Jesus Christ, that God will save some because His Word does not return to Him void. We can be confident that the Lord Jesus will be bringing nations under him, for His Word does not go forth in vain. We can be trusting that all His promises to us, despite our folly, and despite our wickedness, and despite our weakness, all His promises shall be accomplished in us because of His love for us. Water coming down from the skies onto a dry, parched land always brings life. God's Word coming down from heaven to dry, dead souls always brings life. May we treasure this which continues to be our life. Read it, study it. Think about what God is saying to you in it. It will not only give you life if you are dead, if you believe upon it, but for those of you who are in Christ, it will continue to water and prosper and bless you.

Questions

1. How is God's Word like the rain?
2. How can we treasure God's Word?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; Isaiah 55:6

Praise: Psalm 10 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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