

Sunday, October 27, 2013

Welcome – Greg Snow

Call to Worship – *Psalm 118:24/113:1-3*

Good Morning! *This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

In preparing our hearts for worship, consider these words found in Psalm 113:3

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

From the bursting forth of each new day to the slow spreading shadows of the evening each and every new day is a gift from God's hand to us. The Lord has created all good things for us, so let us adore him. All other praise is to be excluded, the *entire* devotion of the soul must be poured out unto Jehovah only.

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

*Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!*

Join me as we exalt the name of the Lord and worship the Lamb that was slain for us!

Song of Praise – *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

Be Exalted, O God – *Psalm 108*

Hear this psalm of praise found in Psalm 108:

My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul. I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Song of Worship – *I Will Glory In My Redeemer*

Confession of Sin & Prayer - *Matthew 22:37-40*

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us silently confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Let's pray.

Song of Worship – *You Shall Love the Lord Your God*

Assurance of Salvation – *Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1*

The greatest and first commandment is to truly love Christ with all our heart, soul, and mind. However, we are not alone. Hear the wonderful promise of our mighty God:

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Worship – *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love*

Offering *“Doctrine is useless if it is not accompanied by a holy life. It is worse than useless; it does positive harm. Something of “the image of Christ” must be seen and observed by others in our private life, and habits, and character, and doings.” J.C. Ryle*

The Work of the Holy Spirit – *Revelation 22:1-5 (Source: John Thweatt/J.C. Ryle/Charles Spurgeon)*

Hear the words of God from Revelation, 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city...No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Think upon the heavenly throne in which God dwells. Can you imagine seeing Him? Do you long for heaven? Are you ready for it? How can we be ready to see Him or to be with Him? Listen to the words of JC Ryle,

“For this heaven we are all by nature utterly unfit. We have no capacity for enjoying its happiness. We have no taste for its blessings. We have no eye to see its beauty. We have no heart to feel its comforts. Instead of freedom, we would find it bondage. Instead of glorious liberty, we would find it constant constraint. Instead of a splendid palace, we would find it a gloomy prison. A fish on dry land, a sheep in the water, an eagle in a cage—would all feel more at ease and in their place than an unholy man in heaven. “Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.”

For this heaven it is the special office of the Holy Spirit to prepare men’s souls. He alone can change the earthly heart, and purify the corrupt worldly affections of Adam’s children. He alone can bring their minds into harmony with God, and tune them for the eternal company of saints, and angels, and Christ.

He alone can make them love what God loves, and hate what God hates, and delight in God’s presence. He alone can set the limbs of human nature, which were broken and dislocated by Adam’s fall, and bring about a real unity between man’s will and God’s. And this He does for everyone that is saved. It is written of believers that they are “saved according to God’s mercy,” but it is “by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit.” They are chosen unto salvation—but it is “through sanctification of the Spirit,” as well as “belief of the truth.”

Let this also be written down on the tablet of your memory. No entrance into heaven, without the Spirit first entering your heart upon earth! No admission into glory in the next life without previous sanctification in this life! No Holy Spirit in you in this world—then no heaven in the world to come! You

would not be fit for it! You would not be ready for it! You would not like it! You would not enjoy it! There is much use made in the present day of the word “holy.” Our ears are wearied with “holy church,” and “holy baptism,” and “holy days,” and “holy water,” and “holy services,” and “holy priests.” But one thing is a thousand times more important—and that is, to be made a really holy man by the Spirit. We must be made partakers of the Divine nature, while we are alive. We must “sow to the Spirit,” if we would ever reap life everlasting.

In closing, I leave with you the words of Charles H. Spurgeon:

“What hallowed communion with Him we shall there enjoy. In His Church below He has given us some pleasant foretaste of His sweet converse; but there the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall always feed them, and shall lead them to living fountains of water.”

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into each of us today. Renew our hearts and make us whole for the glory of your name. Amen

Songs of Worship – *Holy Spirit/Speak, O Lord*

Message – *“The Value of God’s Children”*

Scripture Reference: Matthew 18:10-14

Time of Prayer

Song of Worship – *Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

Benediction