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Meditation

Proverbs 16:20

He who heeds the Word prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.

God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. **AMEN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(Hymn 53)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,

If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,

Spreading His wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again;

Gladly fore'er we adore Him. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 98

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

Congregation: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;

Congregation: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity. AMEN

Psalm 98A **Book of Psalms for Singing**

1 O sing a new song to the LORD
For wonders He has done;
For wonders He has done;
His right hand and His holy arm
(parts) The victory have won.

2 The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known,
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
(parts) He openly has shown.

3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Isr'el's house has been,
To Isr'el's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
(parts) All ends of earth have seen.

4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD
And make a joyful sound,
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice to Him;
(parts) Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5 With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp a psalm O sing,
With harp a psalm O sing!
With horn and trumpet raise a shout
(parts) Before the LORD, the King.

6 Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde,
The world, its living horde.
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
(parts) Their joy before the LORD!

7 Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
(parts) All men with equity. AMEN

Confession of Sin:

Psalm 32:1-4

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. AMEN

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: O most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You;
We humbly confess our sins, and implore Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently;
Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,
Nor walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
According to Your loving-kindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out our iniquity.
Create in us a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold us with your free Spirit.
In Jesus' name, AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

O God, the Rock of Ages

Hymn 28

1 O God, the Rock of Ages,
who evermore hast been,
what time the tempest rages,
our dwelling place serene:
before thy first creations,
O Lord, the same as now,
to endless generations
the Everlasting Thou!

2 Our years are like the shadows
on sunny hills that lie,
or grasses in the meadows
that blossom but to die;
a sleep, a dream, a story
by strangers quickly told,
and unremaining glory
of things that soon are old.

3 O thou who canst not slumber,
whose light grows never pale,
teach us aright to number
our years before they fail;
on us thy mercy lighten,
on us thy goodness rest,
and let thy Spirit brighten
the hearts thyself hast blessed.

4 Lord, crown our faith's endeavor
with beauty and with grace,
till, clothed in light forever,
we see thee face to face:

The Sermon: “Building Christian Culture: Through Family”

Notes

Introduction

I. Reasons for Optimism

II. Microcosm of Culture

III. Agents of Change

Conclusion

Psalm 128B Book of Psalms for Singing

1 Blessed the man that fears Jehovah

And that walketh in His ways;

Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor

And be prospered all thy days.

Like a vine with fruit abounding

In thy house thy wife is found,

And like olive plants thy children,

Compassing thy table round,

And like olive plants thy children,

Compassing thy table round.

2 Lo, on him that fears Jehovah

Shall this blessedness attend;

For Jehovah out of Zion

Shall to thee His blessing send.

Thou shalt see Jerus'lem prosper

All thy days till life shall cease;

Thou shalt see thy children's children,

be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. AMEN

God Commissions Us

Micah 6:8

Elder: He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? **AMEN**

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Hymn 737

*Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou
the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee. AMEN*