

Sunday, 23rd August.

Welcome & announcements:

Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne!
Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare!
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.
(repeat chorus)

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Prayer:

Children's talk:

I will glory in my Redeemer,

whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
and hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Saviour before the Holy Judge:
the Lamb who is my righteousness,
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
my feet are firm, held by His grace.
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I will glory in my Redeemer,
who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with lovingkindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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Prayer:

Reading: Joshua 23:1-16

1 Now it came to pass, a long time after the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in age.
2 And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them: "I am old, advanced in age.
3 You have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the LORD your God is He who has fought for you.
4 See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward.
5 And the LORD your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God promised you.
6 Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left,
7 and lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause anyone to swear by them; you shall not serve them nor bow down to them,
8 but you shall hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.
9 For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but as for you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day.
10 One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you.
11 Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God.

12 Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations—these that remain among you—and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you,

13 know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

14 "Behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

16 When you have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you."

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;

I find rest in Your presence
and fullness of joy.

In worship and wonder

I behold Your face,

singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,

what a faithful God.

What a faithful God have I,

faithful in every way.

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;
through the storm You're the beacon,
my song in the night.

In the shelter of Your wings,

hear my heart's reply,

singing what a faithful God have I.

Lord all sovereign, granting peace from heaven,
let me comfort those who suffer
with the comfort You have given.

I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live,
singing what a faithful God have I.

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Sermon:

'A dying man's farewell plea: stay alert!'

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

there is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,

as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

*all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and

harvest,

sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

join with all nature in manifold witness

to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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