

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP AT 11

Sunday January 21, 2018

These notes are posted to help you take a few minutes to prepare for worship through reading the scripture and thinking about the songs!

SCRIPTURE: Read Exodus 4:1-9. **SCRIPTURE/SERMON:** Read Exodus 4:1-9. Moses was worried about how the people might respond to him. We often over-anticipate events and then panic over what might go wrong. God does not ask us to go where he has not provided the means to help. God seems to take joy in using ordinary things for extraordinary purposes. What are the ordinary things in your life· your voice, a pen, a hammer, a broom, a musical instrument? While it is easy to assume God can use only special skills, you must not hinder his use of the everyday contributions you can make. Little did Moses imagine the power his simple staff would yield when it became the rod of God.

SONGS:

Let God Arise: In Numbers 10 and following is the First Approach to the Promised Land. As the Israelites approached the Promised Land, Moses sent leaders to spy out the land and its people. The spies returned with a discouraging report: It is a magnificent county, but the people living there are too powerful. The Israelites had a lack of faith and already made up their minds and began to complain. As they traveled in Numbers 10:35 Moses cried out %Arise O Lord, and scatter your enemies, let them flee before you. Likewise in Psalm 68, David, in a similar setting when a procession brought the Ark from the house of Obed-edom to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:11-15) David cried: Arise, O God, and scatter all your ememies! Chase them away...but let the Godly man exult. Today, as we sing our opening song, we join Moses and David in this song:

Hear the holy roar of God resound watch the waters part before us now. Come and see what He has done for us tell the world of His great love---our God is a God who saves, Our God is a God who saves. Let God arise, let God arise, our God reigns now and forever he reigns now and forever. And His enemies will run for sure. The church will stand, she will endure. He holds the keys of life, our Lord death has no stake, no final word. Our God is a God who saves. our God is a God who saves...

From the Inside Out---Here's the text. *A thousand times I've failed still your mercy remains and should I stumble again still I'm caught in your grace. Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame. My heart and my soul, I give you control consume me from the inside out Lord. Let justice and praise, become my embrace to love you from the inside out...* Read Romans 12:1-2. Here it is in the message translation: *So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you*

is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Enough Here's the text: *All of You is more than enough for all of me, for ev'ry thirst and ev'ry need. You satisfy me with your love, and all I have in you is more than enough. You're my supply, my breath of life; still more awesome than I know. You're my reward, worth living for....* Which of %every thirst and every need% have you been trying to fill with things other than the Lord? In your time with him, meditate on how he is your supply, your breath of life, your reward, why he's worth living for, you sacrifice and your coming King. Take your Bible or Google Search and look for one Scripture for each category to meditate on, i.e. search Scripture-Breath of Life, Scripture-needs and so forth.

Came to My Rescue: Read Psalm 91:14-16 *"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."* Verses 14-16 are precious promises from God! Seven times he uses the verb from I WILL. By his divine authority, God declares,% will rescue...protect...answer...be with him in trouble...deliver and honor...satisfy with long life...and show him my salvation.% Everything I need for a full and prosperous life is promised because I love Him...and acknowledge his name. I can heave a big sigh of relief. I'm safe in Him! Here's the text: *Falling on my knees in worship giving all I am to seek your face. Lord all I am is yours. My whole life I place in your hands God of mercy humbled I bow down in your presence at your throne. I called you answered and you came to my rescue and I I wanna be where you are.*

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY! BRING A FRIEND!