

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP AT 11 Sunday June 24, 2018

WELCOME TO 11 AM Worship for June 24, 2018

Check out the Crestview Web-Site to view this week's WORSHIP PREPARATION NOTES for 11AM Worship SUNDAY JUNE 24. If you take just a few minutes to read the scripture verses and sing/hum through the song melodies and texts, you will be ready for the Word of God to interact with you in a more powerful way! This week's songs focus on 1) God's amazing, incredible, unmerited, unearned gift of grace that flows like rain! 2) Our Master Jesus has his arms open wide for you! 3) If you would just allow yourself to get caught up in his grace, you would go further than you could ever go on your own. 4) When we experience God in his gentleness, we may feel like joining the "chorus" of praises to his name.

SONGS and SCRIPTURES

Grace Like Rain:

Amazing, incredible, unmerited, unearned. God's favor and blessing is poured out to cover our sins, to cleanse and empower us right where we are...take the opportunity to receive it afresh. Romans 5:15—but the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many.

Come to the Altar:

A portion of the text of this song reads: ***O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*** 1 Corinthians 16:23 (*The Message Translation*) reads: ***Our Master Jesus has his arms wide open for you.*** 1 Peter 1:18-20 (*The Message Translation*) reads: 18-21 ***Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God. It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. He paid with Christ's sacred blood, you know. He died like an unblemished,***

sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately—at the end of the ages—become public knowledge, God always knew he was going to do this for you. It's because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.

Like an Avalanche

A verse of the song reads: *And I find myself here on my knees again, caught up in grace like an avalanche. Nothing compares to this love, love, love, burning in my heart.* The thing with an avalanche is that there really is no escaping it once you get caught up in it. Avalanches can reach speeds up to 80 mph in as little as five seconds. Ephesians 1:7-8 says, "...the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us..." That word lavished means to bestow profusely. Profusely means abundantly, never lacking, always enough. Grace is like an avalanche that sweeps you away. If you would just allow yourself to get caught up in his grace, you would go further than you could ever go on your own.

Let God Arise

Get your Bible and read Psalm 68:1-6. David begins the psalm praying that God will show his awesome power to the wicked. Then he moves almost immediately to praise, urging his followers to honor and extol the Lord for his tender care. He is the Father of the fatherless, the Defender of widows, the Caring One who sets the lonely in families, the Deliverer of prisoners. Sometimes we imprison ourselves behind bars of isolation and remoteness, even with family around us! But we must know that our heavenly Father can meet every one of our needs and many more, if we let him, for he is our source of consummate security, shelter, and safety. When we experience God in his gentleness, we may feel like joining the "chorus" of praises to his name. He is our Father, our Defender, our Provider, our Redeemer!

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!