



Rhythm OF WORSHIP

A W O R S H I P L E A D E R ' S

Weekly Devotional

Monday Sept. 9 - Sunday Sept. 15, 2019

The Work of Jesus

Theme for Sunday

Reflections

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:18-19

This week’s theme, “The Work of Jesus,” refers to the building of the church. Jesus says, “I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” At least two things are comforting here. Number one, the church will not be overcome. Number two, it is Jesus who is doing the building. As we prepare to lead worship together this weekend, it should come as a great comfort to us knowing that these things are true. No matter what our current emotional, physical or financial status is, it is not hell that will overcome and win, but God. Our ultimate future is decided and victorious. More so, it is not us who build the church, but Jesus. The beautiful thing is, He has a method to his construction. He chooses us as the means in His building. In other words, it is by God’s power that the church is built and He chooses to send us as His messengers and lovers of people. It is for our good and joy and His glory that we get to participate in His blueprint for the church.

* What do I need to repent of this week?

* What feels too heavy to carry this week?

* What would feel great to shout out to God in praise would be...

* What would feel truthful to shout out to God in frustration would be...

* This Sunday, I’m expecting God to...



Prayer

THOU INCOMPREHENSIBLE BUT PRAYER-HEARING GOD,

Known, but beyond knowledge, revealed, but unrevealed,
my wants and welfare draw me to thee,
for thou hast never said, 'Seek ye me in vain'.
To thee I come in my difficulties, necessities, distresses;
possess me with thyself,
with a spirit of grace and supplication,
with a prayerful attitude of mind,
with access into warmth of fellowship,
so that in the ordinary concerns of life
my thoughts and desires may rise to thee,
and in habitual devotion I may find a resource
that will soothe my sorrows, sanctify my successes,
and qualify me in all ways for dealings with my fellow men.

I bless thee that thou hast made me capable
of knowing thee, the author of all being,
of resembling thee, the perfection of all excellency,
of enjoying thee, the source of all happiness.

O God, attend me in every part of my arduous and trying pilgrimage;
I need the same counsel, defense, comfort
I found at my beginning.
Let my religion be more obvious to my conscience,
more perceptible to those around.

While Jesus is representing me in heaven,
may I reflect him on earth,
While he pleads my cause, may I show forth his praise.

Continue the gentleness of thy goodness towards me,
And whether I wake or sleep, let thy presence
go with me, thy blessing attend me.

Thou hast led me on and I have found thy promises true,
I have been sorrowful, but thou hast been my help,
fearful, but thou hast delivered me,
despairing, but thou hast lifted me up.

Thy vows are ever upon me,
And I praise thee, O God.

taken from "The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions"

SONGS AND ART

1. RAISE A HALLELUJAH

"I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm" (lyrics)

2. FULLNESS

"Speak revival, prophesy like it is done" (lyrics)

3. KING OF MY HEART

"He is my song" (lyrics)

4. BUILD MY LIFE

"worthy of every song we could ever sing" (lyrics)

5. O PRAISE THE NAME

"The angels roar for Christ the King" (lyrics)



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