



Rhythm OF WORSHIP

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

Weekly Devotional

Monday Sept. 23 - Sunday Sept. 29, 2019

Justice and Freedom

Theme for Sunday

"Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'" Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Luke
4:14-22

Justice and Freedom Sunday

* Guest speaker, Jon Good is preaching who works for IJM (International Justice Mission)

* Samone Halpin from Naomi's House is giving a 10 minutes testimonySermon's focus is on justice and God's care for the weak and marginalized.

Reflections

* Have I become numb to the impoverished? To the widow? To those who are in need and in my reach?

* What was one of my recent needs or prayer requests?

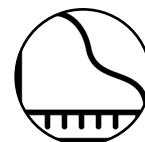
* Did God meet it?

* If so, how did God orchestrate His response?

* What do I need to repent of this week?

* What feels too heavy to carry this week?

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



Prayer

THOU GOD OF MY END,

Thou hast given me a fixed disposition to go forth and spend my life for thee;
If it be thy will let me proceed in it; if not, then revoke my intentions.

All I want in life is such circumstances as may best enable me to serve thee in the
world;

To this end I leave all my concerns in thy hand, but let me not be discouraged,
for this hinders my spiritual fervency;

Enable me to undertake some task for thee,
for this refreshes and animates my soul, so that I could endure all hardships and
labors, and willingly suffer for thy name.

But, O what a death it is to strive and labour,
to be always in a hurry and yet do nothing!
Alas, time flies and I am of little use.

O that I could be a flame of fire in thy service always burning out in one continual blaze.

Fit me for singular usefulness in this world.
Fit me to exult in distresses of every kind if they but promote the advancement
of thy kingdom.

Fit me to quit all hopes of the world's friendship,
and give me a deeper sense of my sinfulness.

Fit me to accept as just desert from thee any trial that may befall me.

Fit me to be totally resigned to the denial
of pleasures I desire, and to be content to spend my time with thee.

Fit me to pray with a sense of the joy of divine communion,
to find all times happy seasons to my soul, to see my own nothingness,
and wonder that I am allowed to serve thee.

Fit me to enter the blessed world
where no unclean thing is,
and to know thee with me always.

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

SONGS AND ART

1. HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S

"How great the pain of searing loss" (lyrics)

2. HIGH ABOVE

"We feel the light of heaven" (lyrics)

3. REVIVE US (HEAVY RAIN)

"Your presence is heaven right here" (lyrics)

4. O COME TO THE ALTAR

"Jesus is calling" (lyrics)

5. NO LONGER SLAVES

"I am surrounded by the arms of a father" (lyrics)



"Homeless Jesus" bronze sculpture by Timothy Schmalz

