

Sunday, 29 August 2021

..I got up and went about the king's business ...

Daniel 8:27 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:

Jerry Middleton

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at His presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our Maker,
learn of His deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplift Him in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore.

Richard Bewes

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Prayer

Reading

Daniel 8:26-27

²⁶ "The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future."

²⁷ I, Daniel, was worn out. I lay exhausted for several days. Then I got up and went about the king's business. I was appalled by the vision; it was beyond understanding.

Children's Talk

Praise

Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.
Jesus wants me to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.
Though it's hard, I know when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.

Prayer

Praise

Teach me Thy way, O Lord,
teach me Thy way!
Thy gracious aid afford,
teach me Thy way!
Help me to walk aright,
more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with heavenly light:
teach me Thy way!

When doubts and fears arise,
teach me Thy way!
When storms o'erspread the skies,
teach me Thy way!
Shine through the cloud and rain,
through sorrow, toil and pain;
make Thou my pathway plain:
teach me Thy way!

Long as my life shall last,
teach me Thy way!
Where'er my lot be cast,
teach me Thy way!
Until the race is run,
until the journey's done,
until the crown is won,
teach me Thy way!

B. Mansell Ramsey (1849 – 1923)

Prayer

Reading

Daniel 8:1-26

In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision, after the one that had already appeared to me. ²In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the Ulai Canal. ³I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. ⁴I watched the ram as it charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against it, and none could rescue from its power. It did as it pleased and became great.

⁵As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between its eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. ⁶It came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at it in great rage. ⁷I saw it attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering its two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against it; the goat knocked it to the ground and trampled on it, and none could rescue the ram from its power. ⁸The goat became very great, but at the height of its power the large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.

⁹Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. ¹⁰It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. ¹¹It set itself up to be as great as the commander of the army of the LORD; it took away the daily sacrifice from the LORD, and his sanctuary was thrown down. ¹²Because of rebellion, the LORD's people and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.

¹³Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, the surrender of the sanctuary and the trampling underfoot of the LORD's people?"

¹⁴ He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

¹⁵ While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."

¹⁷ As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. "Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."

¹⁸ While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and raised me to my feet.

¹⁹ He said: "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end. ²⁰ The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between its eyes is the first king. ²² The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

²³ "In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. ²⁴ He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. ²⁵ He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.

²⁶ "The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future."

Message

Holding The Lion

Steady In The Storms

Daniel 8:1-27

Praise

Mine are days that God has numbered,

I was made to walk with Him.

Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
though I fall, His love is sure.

For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.

Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.

I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me.

*And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.*

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way,

one with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.

But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war,

and He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city

where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore,
Christ is mine forevermore,
Christ is mine forevermore.

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Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Evening Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

The Saviour died, but rose again
triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,
omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and His love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heav'n above?

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
through Him all dangers we'll defy,
and more than conquer all.

Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from His heart,
or make His love decay.

Each future period that will bless,
as it has bless'd the past;
He lov'd us from the first of time,
He loves us to the last.

Paraphrase 48 v5-9

Prayer

Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure,

we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us;
¹³ if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

Praise

Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light.
Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre,
be my hope, be my song.
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails,
be the reason that I live;
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide.
Jesus.
Be the fire in my heart...

*Michael Frye
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Prayer

Message

Life On The Heights
Eyes Only For Jesus

Prayer

Praise

Lord, be my vision, supreme in my heart;
bid every rival give way and depart;
You my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

Lord, be my wisdom, and be my true word;
I ever with You and You with me, Lord;
You my great Father and I Your true son,
You in me living and I with You one.

Lord, be my shield and my sword for the fight;
be my strong armour for You are my might:
You are my shelter and You my high tower;
raising me heav'nward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise;
You my inheritance now and always;
all of Your treasure to me You impart,
High King of heaven, the first in my heart!

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Calendar for September

Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Morning Service 11am

Evening Service 6.30pm

Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

mainly music 10am

ReLaunch 12.30pm

Saturdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Prayer Meeting at 7pm

Also

3rd Youth Group at 7pm at the Duthie Park

7th Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

12th Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

14th Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

17th Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

21st Congregational Meeting at 7.30pm in the Church

29th Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

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