

Sunday, 12 September 2021

The people who know their God will stand firm...

Daniel 11:32 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:
Jerry Middleton

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

Why do the nations rage and cry,

plotting against the Lord most high?

And why do kings and people scorn

His Christ, forsaken and forlorn?

The Lord in heaven shall laugh aloud

at all the boasting of the proud:

'I set my Son, who you condemn,

as King outside Jerusalem.'

'I will declare the Lord's decree,

these are the words He spoke to me:

"You are my Son, with me always,

begotten from eternal days:

you shall receive both east and west,

all nations Yours at Your request;

judge them and rule them with Your rod,

and shatter those that fear not God".'

Rulers, be warned, and kings, be wise;

God's only Son do not despise,

but serve the Lord with humble fear,

rejoice with trembling, and draw near;

adore the Son: His sudden wrath

can soon destroy you in your path;

yet safe are all, beneath His wing,

who hide in Christ our Lord and King.

Jim Sayers

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Prayer

Reading

Daniel 10: 1-14

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.

2 At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. **3** I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, **5** I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. **6** His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

7 I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. **8** So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. **9** Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

¹⁰A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

¹²Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. ¹³But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. ¹⁴Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."

Children's Talk

Praise

Be bold, be strong

for the Lord your God is with you.

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for the Lord your God is with you.

I am not afraid, no, no, no.

I am not dismayed, not me,

for I'm walking in faith and victory.

Come on and walk in faith and victory

for the Lord your God is with you.

Andy Silver

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Praise

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in His excellent word;

what more can he say than to you He has said,

to all who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition – in sickness, in health

in poverty's grip, or abounding in wealth;

at home or abroad, on the land, on the sea,

as days may demand, shall your strength ever be.

Since Jesus is with you, do not be afraid;

since He is your God, you need not be dismayed:

He'll strengthen you, guard you, and help you to stand,

upheld by His righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters He calls you to go,

You will not be drowned in the rivers of woe;

for He will be with you in trouble, to bless,

and work for your good through your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,

His grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;

the flames shall not hurt you, His only design

your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that in Jesus has found its repose

He will not, He cannot, desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,

He'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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Message

Holding The Lion

as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King,
we'll reign with Him.

Hear heaven's voices sing...

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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

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

All Church Services (Sunday and Wednesday) will be available on the home page of our website, on Facebook or YouTube.

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Stand Firm!

Daniel 10:1 – 12:13

Praise

O church arise, and put your armour on;

hear the call of Christ our captain.

For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth,

we'll stand against the devil's lies;

an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,

reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,

but to rage against the captor;

and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,

we will fight with faith and valour.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side

we know the outcome is secure,

and Christ will have the prize for which He died,

an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,

as the Son of God is stricken;

then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,

for the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away,

and Christ emerges from the grave,

this vict'ry march continues

till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,

give grace for ev'ry hurdle,

that we may run with faith to win the prize

of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way,

retelling triumphs of his grace,

we hear their calls, and hunger for the day

when with Christ we stand in glory.

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Benediction

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of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Evening Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

'Jesus is Lord' the cry that echoes through creation:

resplendent power, eternal word, our rock.

The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,

yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose word sustains the stars and planets,
yet in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.
Jesus the man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
and we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord', a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
as he returns and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory,
the judge of all will take His children home.

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Reading

Hebrews 2:5-18

⁵It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶But there is a place where someone has testified:

"What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?
⁷You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honour
⁸and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them ⁹But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹²He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again he says,

"Here am I, and the children God has given me."

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Praise

Meekness and majesty,

manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the man who is God:
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,

kneels in humility
and washes our feet.
*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship,
for this is your God, this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice;
and, as they crucify
prays "Father, forgive".
Oh, what a mystery ...

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of His throne.
Oh, what a mystery ...

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Message

Life On The Heights

Fully Human
2 Timothy 2:8

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Praise

There is a higher throne

than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace,
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,
their thunderous anthem rings;
through emerald courts and sapphire skies
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God, our King who reigns on high
for evermore.*

And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honour Him in perfect song,
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear stained eye,