



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 17 July

**You should not be surprised at My saying,
'You must be born again'
John 3:7**

Morning Service

Life Changing: The Gateway To Kingdom Life

John 3:1-5

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Behold! the mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.**

**To this the joyful nations round,
all tribes and tongues, shall flow;
up to the hill of God, they'll say,
and to His house we'll go.**

**The beam that shines from Zion hill
shall lighten every land;
the King who reigns in Salem's Towers
shall all the world command.**

**Among the nations He shall judge;
His judgments truth shall guide;
His sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.**

**No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men
shall beat their swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.**

**Come then, O house of Jacob! Come
to worship at His shrine;
and, walking in the light of God,
with holy beauties shine.**

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Prayer

John 3:1-3

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

John 3:1-5

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Children's Talk

**For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son,
and whoever believes in Him
shall not die but have eternal life.**

**L is for the love that He has for me.
I am the reason He died on the tree.
F is for forgiveness and now I am free,
E is to enjoy being in His company.**

**For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son,
and whoever believes in Him
shall not die but have eternal life.**

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Prayer

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.**

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Prayer

Life Changing ..

John 3.1-5



Message

Life Changing

The Gateway To Kingdom Life

John 3:1-5

Prayer

**Great is the gospel of our glorious God,
where mercy met the anger of God's rod;
a penalty was paid and pardon bought
and sinners lost at last to Him were brought:**

***O let the praises of my heart be Thine,
for Christ has died that I may call Him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.***

**Great is the mystery of godliness,
great is the work of God's own holiness;
it moves my soul and causes me to long
for greater joys than to the earth belong:**

*O let the praises of my heart be Thine,
for Christ has died that I may call Him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.*

**The Spirit vindicated Christ our Lord,
and angels sang with joy and sweet accord;
the nations heard,
a dark world flamed with light -
when Jesus rose in glory and in might:**

***O let the praises of my heart be Thine,
for Christ has died that I may call Him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.***

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

Evening Service

Spiralling Down: Living To Serve His Majesty

2 Kings 5:1-18

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Praise waits for Thee in Zion, Lord:
to Thee vows paid shall be.
O Thou that hearer art of pray'r,
all flesh shall come to Thee.**

**Iniquities, I must confess,
prevail against me do;
but as for our transgressions,
them purge away shalt Thou.**

**Bless'd is the man whom Thou dost choose,
and mak'st approach to Thee,
that he within Thy courts, O Lord,
may still a dweller be.**

**We surely shall be satisfy'd
with Thy abundant grace,
and with the goodness of Thy house,
ev'n of Thy holy place.**

Psalm 65 vv1-4

Prayer

2 Kings 5. 1-18

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. ² Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

2 Kings 5. 1-18

⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵ “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.”

⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life?”

2 Kings 5. 1-18

Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”

⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

2 Kings 5. 1-18

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³ Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it?”

2 Kings 5. 1-18

How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed’!” ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.”

2 Kings 5. 1-18

¹⁶ The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

¹⁷ “If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD.

2 Kings 5. 1-18

¹⁸ But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.”

**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and His word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**

**Return, O Holy Dove! Return,
sweet messenger of rest!**

**I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne,
and worship only Thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

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Prayer

Message

**Spiralling Down
Living To Serve His Majesty
2 Kings 5:1-18**



‘Spiralling down’

Prayer

**King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliv'rer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at Your throne.**

*Your majesty, I can but bow.
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your majesty.*

**Earth and heaven worship You,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to Your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.**

***Your majesty, I can but bow.
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your majesty.***

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**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
before him angels fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love cannot forget
the bitterness and gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every people, nation, tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.**

**O that in heaven, with glory's throng,
we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.**

Edward Perronet and John Rippon

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be with us all.
Amen.**

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