

Morning Service

How the Word becomes flesh (again)
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14
Rev Jerry Middleton

**Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed
on us, the sinful sons of men,
to call us sons of God!**

**Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not, when He came,
God's own eternal Son.**

**High is the rank we now possess,
but higher we shall rise;
though what we shall hereafter be
is hidden from our eyes.**

**Our souls, we know, when He appears,
shall bear His image bright;
for all His glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.**

**A hope so great and so divine
may trials well endure,
and purify our souls from sin,
as Christ Himself is pure.**

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Prayer

Ecclesiastes 12:9 – 14

⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

Ecclesiastes 12:9 – 14

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Ecclesiastes 12:9 – 14

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgement, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Children's Talk

**When the Father made us
He knew we'd run from Him
and try to hide our sin.
But He wanted to save us,
His own were on His heart
before He made the stars.**

Oh, oh, no one is good, not even one.

But God can make us daughters,

God can make us sons.

Jesus paid the price

when He offered up His life

so we could be part of God's great family.

**When the Father draws us
it's like a magnet's pull.**

He's irresistible!

**When the Spirit calls us
He brings the dead to life
He gives the blind new eyes.**

Oh, oh, no one is good, not even one.

But God can make us daughters,

God can make us sons.

Jesus paid the price

when He offered up His life

so we could be part of God's great family.

**When He calls, when He draws
we are His forever.**

**He will never let you go,
He will never let you go.**

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we are His forever.**

**He will never let you go,
He will never let you go.**

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Jon Althoff and Bob Kauflin

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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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MORNING SERVICE



ECCELESIASTES

12:9-14

The Meaning of Life

WHEN THE WORD BECOMES FLESH (AGAIN)

SUMMER "26

Prayer

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Your humble dwelling,
all Your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with Your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.**

**Breathe on us Your loving Spirit;
every troubled heart be blessed:
let us all in You inherit,
let us find Your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all Your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve You as Your hosts above,
pray, and praise You, without ceasing,
glory in Your perfect love.**

**Finish then Your new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Your great salvation,
perfect in eternity,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before You,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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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

Two ways to live, two ways to die
Psalm 1
Jonny Gilmour

**As morning dawns and day awakes,
to You, I bring my need.
Oh, gracious God, my source of strength,
in You, I live and breathe.
Each hour is Yours, by wisdom planned,
each deed empowered
by sovereign hands.
Renew my spirit, help me stand,
be glorified today.**

**As day unfolds, I seek Your will
in all of life's demands.
And though the tempter tries me still
I cling to Your commands.
Let every effort of my life
display the matchless worth of Christ.
Make me a living sacrifice,
be glorified today.**

**As sun gives way to darkest night
Your Spirit still is here.
And though my strength
fades like the light,
new mercies will appear.
I rest in You, abide with me
until our trials and suffering
give way to final victory.
Be glorified today.**

**I rest in You, abide with me
until our trials and suffering
give way to final victory.**

**Be glorified today,
be glorified, I pray.**

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Prayer

**Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall
there is still one King reigning over all,
so I will not fear, for this truth remains
that my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him,
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne,
it shall remain and ever stand.**

**All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone.
Oh, His love is sure,
and He knows my name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him,
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne,
it shall remain and ever stand.**

**All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**Though I may not see
what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.
Then my joy complete,
standing face to face
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him,
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne,
it shall remain and ever stand.**

**All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

Jesse Reeves / Michael Farren / Rich Thompson / Jonny Robinson

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Psalm 1

Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the
counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of
sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of
scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of
the LORD,
 and on his law he meditates
day and night.

Psalm 1

³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he
prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the
wind drives away.

Psalm 1

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not
stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of
the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
will perish.

**Happy the man whose cautious feet
shun the broad way that sinners go,
who hates the place where atheists meet,
and fears to talk as scoffers do.**

**He loves t' employ the morning light
amongst the statutes of the Lord;
and spends the wakeful hours of night,
with pleasure, pondering o'er His word.**

**He, like a plant by gentle streams,
shall flourish in immortal green.
And heav'n will shine with kindest beams
on every work his hands begin.**

**But sinners find their counsels crossed:
as chaff before the tempest flies,
so shall their hopes be blown and lost,
when the last trumpet shakes the skies.**

**In vain the rebel seeks to stand
in judgment with the pious race;
The dreadful Judge, with stern command,
divides him to a diff'rent place.**

**"Straight is the way My saints have trod;
I blessed the path, and drew it plain;
but you would choose the crooked road,
and down it leads to endless pain."**

Isaac Watts



PSALM 1

TWO WAYS TO LIVE, TWO WAYS TO DIE



Prayer

**Have you heard the voice of Jesus
softly pleading with your heart?
Have you felt His presence glorious,
as He calls your soul apart,
with a love so true and loyal,
love divine that ever flows
from a Saviour, righteous, royal,
and a cross that mercy shows?**

**Have you heard the voice of mercy
granting peace and pardon pure?
Have you felt the balm of Calvary
binding all your wounds secure?
Was there ever such salvation,
was there ever care like this?
See the Saviour's grief and passion,
grace and mercy's gentle kiss.**

**Have you heard the Saviour calling
all to leave and follow Him?
Have you felt His person drawing
with compulsion lives to win?
Hearken to His invitation,
to the music of God's grace;
let the peace of God's salvation
fill your soul and love embrace.**

W Vernon Higham

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the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**