

Sunday, April 26, 2020

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name!

You give and take away, You give and take away; my heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name." You give and take away, You give and take away; my heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name!

Hymn: "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth. I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth. He is my God, though dark my road. He holds me that I shall not fall. And so to Him, I leave it all, He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me. He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me. I take, content, what He hath sent. His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently, I wait His day, His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking. My God is true each morn anew. Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right. Here shall my stand be taken; Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken. My Father's care is 'round me there. He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to Him I leave it all, He holds me that I shall not fall.

He is my God, though dark my road. He holds me that I shall not fall. And so to Him, I leave it all, He holds me that I shall not fall.

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 130 (ESV) A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
- O Lord, hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- O Israel, hope in the LORD!
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Sermon: "The Message of Job"

Job 1 (ESV)

¹There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. ²There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. ³He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. ⁴His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ⁸And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" ⁹Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? ¹⁰Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." ¹²And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

¹³Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁶While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁷While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁸While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁸While he was yet speaking, there came another and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁸While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰ Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

²² In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Job 2:1-10 (ESV)

¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ³And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." ⁴Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life." ⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." ¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 19:23–27 (ESV)

- ²³ "Oh that my words were written!
 Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
 ²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
- ²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
- ²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,
- whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Job 38:1-14 (ESV)

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

- ² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- ³ Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.
- ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
- ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
- ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,
- ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- ⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,
- ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,
- ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,
- ¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed"?
- ¹² "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,
- ¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?
- ¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

Job 40:1-14 (ESV)

¹And the LORD said to Job:

- ² "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it."
- ³Then Job answered the LORD and said:
- ⁴ "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.
- ⁵ I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further."

⁶Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

- ⁷ "Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.
- ⁸ Will you even put me in the wrong?
 Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?
- ⁹ Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?
- ¹⁰ "Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendor.
- ¹¹ Pour out the overflowings of your anger, and look on everyone who is proud and abase him.
- ¹² Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low and tread down the wicked where they stand.
- ¹³ Hide them all in the dust together; bind their faces in the world below.
- ¹⁴ Then will I also acknowledge to you that your own right hand can save you.

Job 41:1-11 (ESV)

- ¹ "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?
- ² Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook?
- ³ Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak to you soft words?
- ⁴ Will he make a covenant with you to take him for your servant forever?
- ⁵ Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on a leash for your girls?
- ⁶ Will traders bargain over him?Will they divide him up among the merchants?
- ⁷ Can you fill his skin with harpoons or his head with fishing spears?
- ⁸ Lay your hands on him; remember the battle—you will not do it again!
- ⁹ Behold, the hope of a man is false; he is laid low even at the sight of him.

- ¹⁰ No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me?
- ¹¹ Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.

Job 42:1-6 (ESV)

¹Then Job answered the LORD and said:

- ² "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
- ³ 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
- ⁴ 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.'
- ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
- ⁶ therefore I despise myself
 - therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Hymn: "It Is Well with My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought: My sin, not in part but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)

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