
GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prayer of Praise

Nehemiah 9v5-6

Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. "Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SINS

Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Nehemiah 9v31

But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in His image to the praise and glory of His name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Thanks and Praise

Psalms 92v1-8

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

² to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

⁴ For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the work of your hands.

⁵ How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!

⁶ The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand,

⁷ that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be for ever destroyed.

⁸ But you, O LORD, are exalted for ever.

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

Bible Reading

Isaiah 11v1-16

¹ *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

² *The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—*

³ *and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.*

*He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;*

⁴ *but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.*

*He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*

⁵ *Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash round his waist.*

⁶ *The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.*

⁷ *The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.*

⁸ *The infant will play near the hole of the cobra,
and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.*

⁹ *They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.*

¹⁰ *In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the
nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.* ¹¹ *In that day the
Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left
of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush,
from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.*

¹² *He will raise a banner for the nations
and gather the exiles of Israel;
he will assemble the scattered people of Judah*

from the four quarters of the earth.

¹³ *Ephraim's jealousy will vanish,
and Judah's enemies will be cut off;
Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,
nor Judah hostile towards Ephraim.*

¹⁴ *They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west;
together they will plunder the people to the east.
They will lay hands on Edom and Moab,
and the Ammonites will be subject to them.*

¹⁵ *The LORD will dry up
the gulf of the Egyptian sea;
with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand
over the Euphrates River.
He will break it up into seven streams
so that men can cross over in sandals.*

¹⁶ *There will be a highway for the remnant of his people
that is left from Assyria,
as there was for Israel
when they came up from Egypt.*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Isaiah 11

Collect of the Day, Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger John the Baptist to prepare the way for you, grant that the ministers and stewards of your truth may so make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds descending, Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears, on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Now redemption, long expected, See in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints, by man rejected, Now shall meet him in the air.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! see the day of God appear.

4. Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, High on thy eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory: Claim the kingdom of thine own:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Everlasting God, come down!

Blessing

2 Thessalonians 2v16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**