

Praise Him, Praise Him”

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

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*Praise Him! Praise Him!
Tell of His excellent greatness.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.

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Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

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Taking Gathered Worship Home

Family and Individual Devotions

Meditations in the Book of Hebrews

The Life of Faith-Rooted in God's Promises, Running to the New Jerusalem

Week of October 7, 2007

The supremacy of Christ has been established. The theme of Christ's superiority is continued and brought into focus in this portion of scripture. Here we see all things, including man, placed under His lordship. **Psalm 8:6** is quoted here, "**You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet...**". Christ is our ruler. He is our king. In the words of the Shorter Catechism, Christ "subdues us to himself," rules and defends us", and "restrains and conquers all his and our enemies". That God himself is mindful of lowly man is a wondrous fact.

Sunday 10/7

Read: Let's get to the crux of this truth.

Romans 8:31 states, "**If God is for us, who can be against us?**". Christ is supreme, He is superior to all things. Nothing can **separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus**" (**Romans 8:39**). Christ, is the one who is mindful of man. Christ is the one who oversees all that comes into our life.

Application: Life is not just a series of random events. Everything is under the sovereign control of God. Take comfort in this. Know that Christ will always be your king. Know that Christ works all things for your good.

Pray: Peace in Christ will be the trademark of your life. That the foundational truth of your security in Him will provide comfort and joy in all situations.

Monday 10/8

Read: Have you ever lamented about how others relate to you? How they do or say things that are heartless and inconsiderate, perhaps even vicious. What about other life situations such as your health, wealth or employment? Do you sometimes wonder where God is, or question why he let's certain events happen?

Application: You are not alone. God himself goes before you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Remember the promise found in **Romans 8:28**. God does work all things for the good of those who love him. Regardless of your life situation it is God working out His purpose in your life. It is a part of His lordship.

Pray: You will see God at work in every circumstance of your life.

Tuesday 10/9

Read: Christ's lordship in your life is eternal. Consider how God has created your physical existence, knitting you together in your mothers womb (**Psalm 139:13**). And how your spiritual destiny has been eternally in His hands when He chose you "**before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless**" (**Ephesians 1:4**).

Application: Your well being has always been in the sovereign hands of God. His nurturing of your life, both physical and spiritual, started before the beginning of time. It is God who brought you into physical and spiritual life. This has always been His plan.

Pray: Giving thanks to God for the way He has so wonderfully made you, praising His name for preparing a holy and blameless life for you.

Wednesday 10/10

Read: God sent his son for the purification of your sins (**Hebrews 1:3**). God sent his word to sustain you (**Hebrews 1:3**) and to provide you with knowledge that in Him you have eternal life (**I John 5:13**). God sent his Holy Spirit to counsel you, teach you, and guide you in all truth (**John 16:13**).

Application: The lordship of Christ reigns over us in the present. His promise to never leave you nor forsake you is brought to life in the presence of his Holy Spirit. God has prepared and planned your life from the beginning. He is now present "**teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness**" (**II Timothy 3:16**).

Pray: The work of God in your life would be made visible to you. That you would see the works he sets before you and use the gifts he has given you.

Thursday 10/11

Read: The lordship of Christ goes on forever, Christ himself is at the right hand of God (**Hebrews 1:3**) and has prepared a place for you in the Fathers house (**John 14:2**). In his lordship he advocates for you, praying to God that you will be with him in glory (**John 17:24**).

Application: The lordship of Christ reigns over you in the future. He has prepared an eternal place for you in heaven (**II Corinthians 5:1**). A place where you will be in his presence forever, worshiping and praising his name.

Pray: Just as you make your petitions to God in the present day, fervently pray for the time ahead when you will be in the very presence of God.

Friday 10/12

Read: There is no aspect of your life that is not under the sovereign control of God. He has created you, planned for your reconciliation, prepared the works of your life, and has placed in your heart the ability and desire to worship him now and forever. In his loving hands you have a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Application: In Christ there is no condemnation (**Romans 8:1**). There is indeed nothing that can separate you from the love that is in Christ Jesus. This is your confidence as you draw close to him, working "**toward love and good deeds**" (**Hebrews 10:24**) with other Christians.

Pray: That God will work in your life equipping you for what is good and pleasing to him.

Saturday 10/13

Read: Christ became one like us. In this way he suffered like us, and was tested in every way as we are tested. Christ's response of perfect obedience established him as the faithful High priest. The One without sin, and worthy to be the unblemished sacrifice for sin.

Application: Christ is the unblemished lamb, sacrificed at the cross for our sin. Though our obedience is imperfect, we are enabled through the perfect sacrifice of Christ to be holy and blameless before the Father. We are made righteous not by our own doing, but by the work of Christ on the cross.

Pray: A clear understanding our how our sin separates us from God, and for an equally clear understanding of how the sacrifice of Christ pays for that sin.