

Worship For Sunday 28th June 2020

Prepared by Neil, Talk by Phil Warburton and Prayers for the World by John.

Let's pray with the help of this song by Sam Hargreaves:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gusa47ueEc>

Let us PRAISE God this morning:

It doesn't matter where you are or how you are feeling, we are commanded to Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsCRZiKbaqM>

Blessed be your name, though there is pain in the offering

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnWKehsOXu8>

Are you praying for a person or situation? Have you been praying for a long time?

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gZ2LeFTQ4I>

We must wait upon the Lord, "in my time not yours" says the Lord.

Liz reminded us on CareNShare recently:

Isaiah 30 v15

¹⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

`In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,

And then verse 18

¹⁸Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!

Be Still and know that I am God, in repentance and rest we will find salvation. In quietness and trust, we will find strength

Isaiah 40:31

³¹but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Be still in the middle of the storm. With the sea rising and falling, our physical and mental wellbeing going up and down. Jesus calms the storm.

Mark 4:35-41 **Jesus Calms the Storm**

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves,

"Quiet! Be still!"

Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Please pray this prayer out loud and declare to the enemy!

Heavenly Father, in our weakness we pray that your Holy Spirit would reach out through us to our family, friends and all we meet.

Help us to Be Still and know how to pray, when to pray and what to say. Only with the power of the Holy Spirit working through us, can we do this. Only your Holy Spirit can enter their hearts and convince them of their need for you.

Your Word, the great “I Am”, has the power to command,

“lift up your heads you gates, you ancient doors and let the Spirit in”.

Your Word has the power to break down those barriers that are preventing your Holy Spirit from entering their hearts.

You are the great “I am”, the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, Jehovah Elohim (Lord God), Jehovah Ruach (God the spirit, breath of God)! We praise you.

We pray in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6LC8cu03lg>

John has prepared Prayers for the World for us [here](#).

Phil Warburton speaks to us on Matthew 10 v 28-39 [here](#).

Our final song:

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea

You are My Lighthouse!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU>

An Iona blessing.

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.
May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great fire,
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.
And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,
like a candle set in the window of a house,
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.
And may the blessing of the rain be on you,
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines.
And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

Scottish Blessing, author unknown.

Footnote:

Don't forget to put on the full armour of God. Ephesians 6 v 10-18.