



**A very warm welcome
Sunday 18 April 2021**

Welcome - Tom Barnardo

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
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Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sin. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Interview - Ying Peng Chin

Notices

Prayers - Miriam Orr

From the breaking of the dawn

To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
For Your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

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Reading - Joshua 1:1-11 & 24:29-33, Lucy Featherstone

Talk - Chris Fishlock

Introduction

- Arrival in the land (1:1 – 5:12)
- Battles to take the land (5:13 – 12:24)
- Carving up the land (13:1 – 21:45)
- Dwelling in the land (22:1 – 24:33)

- A book about the Lord God
- A book written into a particular context

1. The Lord gives the land as a gift to his people (1:2-4, 10)

The Lord keeps ALL his promises (21:45)

2. The Lord promises his presence to Joshua (1:5-6)

Application

i) The Lord will not leave us or forsake us (1:5; cf Heb 13:5)

ii) The Lord expects his people to achieve their purpose through his word (1:7-8; Psalm 1:2; all over the NT!)

iii) The Lord's promises are death-proof

Questions

How will the Lord's presence with us help us as we 'battle' with worldliness?

Why was meditating on the Lord's word day and night vital for Joshua? And for us? And what does that look like?

'The Lord always keeps his promises': how is that an encouragement to you?

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord

Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

"Fear not I am with you
O be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you,
And cause you to stand
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand"

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine"

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavour to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake"

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Final words

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Small Groups. Join us from 6.45pm for a 7pm start on Zoom on Wednesday as we restart small group Bible Studies in Mark's Gospel.

Church Family Day, 8th May, 10am-1pm. Save the date! We'll be meeting online and in person for talks and discussion on Hebrews 11, 'Keeping the Faith'.

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