

First Baptist Church Smiths Falls

February 3, 2019 - Communion Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 100

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Congregational Prayer: "Our Father"

Our Father, Which Art In Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will Be Done, On Earth As It Is In Heaven. Give Us This Day, Our Daily Bread, And Forgive Us Our Trespases, As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us. And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil. For Thine Is The Kingdom, The Power And The Glory. Forever And Ever. Amen

Message: "Prayer 5: Types of Prayer: 1"

Introduction:

- See if you can fill in the blanks on these well known songs of faith: 1.

"To God Be the _____, Great Things He Hath Done!." 2. "Great Is Thy _____, O God My Father." 3. "Christ, Our God To Rather We Raise, This our Hymn of _____ Praise (For the Beauty of the Earth)." 4. "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus my blessed _____." 5. "When Morning Gilds the Skies, My Heart Awakening Cries, May _____ Be Praised!" 6. "I _____ the Mighty Power of God." 7. "Praise My _____, The King of Heaven." 8. "Praise To The Lord, The

_____, The King of Creation!" 9. "Holy God, We Praise Thy _____, Lord of All we Bow Before Thee!" 10: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Let Angels Prostrate Fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, and _____ Him Lord of All!"

- Like Psalm 100, all these Hymns have to do with us giving praise unto God. Praising God is one of the greatest things we can do with our lives. Today, we want to continue talking about prayer and we want to prepare for this table of remembrance by talking about 4 types of prayer, two for this week, and two for next. Today we want to talk about adoration and confession.

Part One: Adoration:

- Let's talk first about giving words of adoration to God in prayer. What is adoration? It is simply telling God how much we love Him. Adoration is words of praise. Adoration is coming to God with words of unspeakable joy at God's goodness, His holiness, His might, His power, His peace, His love, His knowledge and His wisdom, His lovingkindness, His provisions, His comfort, His conviction, His wrath, and His hope. We adore Him for this and more.

- We serve a mighty God. We serve an awesome God. We serve a powerful God. We serve a God who is the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings - there is none like Him, there is none good like Him, there is none powerful than Him.
- Let me read to you a tract called: “THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST” “More than 2000 years ago there was a man born contrary to the laws of nature. He laid aside his purple robe for a peasant’s tunic. He was rich, yet for our sake he became poor. This man lived in poverty and was raised in obscurity. He received no formal education and never possessed wealth or widespread influence. He never traveled extensively. He seldom crossed the boundary of the country in which he lived. But this man’s life has changed the course of history. In infancy he startled a king. In childhood he amazed religious scholars. In manhood he ruled the course of nature—walked on stormy waves and hushed the raging sea to sleep. He healed multitudes without medicine and made no charge for his services. He never practised psychiatry, yet he has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near. He never wrote a book. Yet his life has

inspired more books than any other man. He never wrote a song. Yet he has furnished the theme for more songs than all songwriters combined. He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students..... Herod could not kill him. Satan could not seduce him. His enemies could not destroy him. The grave could not hold him. After three days he rose from the dead, alive forevermore! He is the ever-perfect One. He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. This man stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed by God, acknowledged by angels, adored by his people, and feared by demons as the risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

- When we come to God in prayer, the first thing we should give to Him is praise and adoration. You might say, “So, I’m sitting in the hospital waiting room awaiting news of an accident, and I should be praising God?” Yes. “When I have lost my job, I should be praising God?” Yes. When the exam is tough, I should be praising God?” Yes. Take your eyes off yourself, and give God praise. The tougher life is the greater your praise should be.

- Psalm 150:6 says: *“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”* In Psalm 119:164 King David says: *“Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.”* In Matthew 6, in the Lord’s Prayer, in the model prayer that Jesus gave us, how does it start? With praise to God: *“Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name (Matthew 6:9).”* We declare His hallow and holy, wonderful name. Adoration in prayer to God is us responding to God's goodness and His greatness. We should be overwhelmed in our praise to God, at His faithfulness, as we recognize His holiness. Our Lord is better and greater and more wonderful than anything else. “There is no God like you and there is none beside you and you are more awesome are more amazing or more wonderful than anything else!” “Lord we lift up your name in praise!” “Lord we declare your name to the nations.” We adore the Lord because I am in the midst of worship and as I'm worshipping and I'm focussing on who the Lord is and suddenly my eyes are no longer on me, and I begin to communicate and listen to the Lord in the midst of what been niggling at my heart, and I start to see the big picture of a mighty

God who is always in control.

- Let me give you one way to adore God in prayer: pray through the alphabet: A- you are amazing; B- you are beautiful beyond description; C- you are comforting; D you are desirable; E -....

Part 2: Confession

- The second of four types of prayer to a mighty God is confession. What a Great God to have confession as part of the message for us on a day when we are preparing for Communion! Thanks be to God.
- But what a topic! Does anyone get excited about confessing to God? Do we really think that we need to confess? Is confession a part of your everyday prayer life to God?
- Often we think about confessing our sins only because we feel that we have failed the Lord. But confession is more about honesty. Confession is more about the barriers that we erect, the barriers between us and a Holy God that we maintain, sometimes at all costs. The Lord wants us to be honest with Him. The Lord wants us to come to Him with a heart of repentance, broken and contrite, ready to be cleansed by the Living God’s forgiveness.

- There are some universal truths: We all need to eat, we all need to breathe, we all need to have fluids. We are all in need of God. And we are all sinners before God (Romans 3:23). We are all descendants of Adams and Eve who introduced sin into the very core of our being. Some may say, “I’m a good person. I’m not a sinner.” The truth is that we are all born with original sin because we come from Adam and Eve, and then we build on our sins as we walk through life. And the penalty for sin is what? Let me read to you Romans 6:23 (NIV): *“For the wages of sin is death...”* That is so very clear. We are all set for death. Life is a terminal condition because of sin for us all. And yet that verse is not finished. Romans 6:23 continues with the word “But!” *“...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord....”*
- This table of Communion is a reminder to us all of this wonderful truth: Sin leads to death, but Jesus Christ gives eternal life. And the way to get that eternal life is confession before God. It’s resigning your life to Him. It’s asking the Lord to lead and direct you, and not yourself.

- 1 John 1:9 says (NIV): *“But if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* Confession leads to all our sins being cleansed. It is just that simple. “Lord, I’m asking you to forgive me, to cleanse me from all unrighteousness as You said You would do. But also Lord, help me to turn away from that same sin in the future.” Be honest and pour out your hearts before the Lord, having a heart-to-heart with God to confess what you're going through in your life as a friend who wants to heal and restore you as you are forgiven. Do you have to confess every single sin all the time all day long? Maybe, but no. Look at the Lord’s Prayer from Matthew 6:12: *“And forgive us our trespasses...”* Just one line for them all. Just confess.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 says this (NIV): *“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land.”* Do you want revival in your life. Pray in confession to God. Do you want revival in your home? Then pray in confession to The Lord. Do you want revival in the

Church? Then confess your sins to Jesus Christ in prayer, and await great things. Canada can be revived, the world can be revived, if only we will humble ourselves, and pray to God, with humility, and seek God in prayer, and turn from evil, and in confession to the Almighty God, seek His forgiveness.

Conclusion:

- What are the answers to the Hymn Quiz of Praise to God? 1. "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!" 2. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father." 3. "Christ, Our God To Rather We Raise, This our Hymn of Grateful Praise (For the Beauty of the Earth)." 4. "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus my blessed Redeemer." 5. "When Morning Gilds the Skies, My Heart Awakening Cries, May Jesus Christ Be Praised!" 6. I Sing the Mighty Power of God." 7. "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven." 8. "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty, The King of Creation!" 9. "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name, Lord of All we Bow Before Thee!" 10: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Let Angels Prostrate Fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, and Crown Him Lord of All!"

- Prayer is coming to God with all of our hearts. Let's learn to start our prayer to Jesus with adoration - He is an awesome God, most worthy of praise. Then, let's come to a Holy God with cleans lips, a clean heart, and clean soul having confessed our sins before Him. Adoration and confession. Two great prayers unto an amazing God.