

Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 318



We Have Come into His House



**We have come into His House and
gathered in His name to worship Him.**

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**We have come into His House and
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the Lord.**

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

**Let's forget about ourselves and magnify
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O Worship the King



O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful Love; Our Shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, and sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His Chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

**All hail to the King! In splendor
enthroned; glad praises we bring, Thy
wonders make known. Returning
victorious, great conqueror of sin, King
Jesus, all glorious, our victory will win.**

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Call to Worship

Psalm 119:73-80

Psalm 119:73-80 Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. Let the insolent be put to shame, because they have wronged me with falsehood; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts. Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies. May my heart be blameless in your statutes, that I may not be put to shame!

A Shelter in the Time of Storm

Hymn 117



Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hymn 439





Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

plbiblechurch@gmail.com

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
Promise Land Bible Church
PO Box 1437
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

Famous Quote:

“Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing, and he must do his own dying.”

MARTIN LUTHER

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The book is set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in a large, bold, black font.

Today's Message

“God's Everlasting Love”

Scripture text: Romans 8:18-38

Freedom from Fear-No Separation

There is **no condemnation** because **we share the righteousness of God** and the Law cannot condemn us.

There is **no obligation** because **we have the Spirit of God** who enables us to overcome the flesh and live for God.

There is **no frustration** because **we share the glory of God**, the blessed hope of Christ's return.

There is **no separation** because **we experience the love of God.**

Romans 8:35a *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*

The emphasis in this final section is on the security of the believer.

We do not need to fear the past, present, or future because we are secure in the love of Christ.

Paul presented five arguments to prove that there could be no separation between the believer and the Lord.

God is for us (v. 31).

The Father is for us and proved it by giving His Son (Rom. 8:32).

The Son is for us (Rom. 8:34) and **so is the Spirit** (Rom. 8:26).

God is making all things work for us (Rom. 8:28). **In His person and His providence, God is for us.**

Sometimes, like Jacob, we lament, “All these things are against me” (Gen. 42:36), when actually everything is working for us. The conclusion is obvious: **“If God be for us, who can be against us?”**

Romans 8:31-34 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?** It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, **who indeed is interceding for us.**

1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you **so that you may not sin.** But if anyone does sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

The believer needs to enter into each new day realizing that God is for him. **There is no need to fear, for his loving Father desires only the best for His children, even if they must go through trials to receive His best.**

Jeremiah 29:10-12 "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. **For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.**

Christ died for us (v. 32).

The argument here is from the lesser to the greater. If when we were sinners, **God gave us His best**, now that we are God's children, **will He not give us all that we need?**

Jesus used this same argument when He tried to convince people that it was foolish to worry and fear. God cares for the birds and sheep, and even for the lilies; **surely He will care for you!** God is dealing with His own on the basis of Calvary grace, not on the basis of Law. **God freely gives all things to His own!**

God has justified us (v. 33).

This means that He has declared us righteous in Christ. Satan would like to accuse us (Zech. 3:1–7; Rev. 12:10), but **we stand righteous in Jesus Christ.**

We are God's elect—chosen in Christ and accepted in Christ. God will certainly not accuse us since it is He who has justified us.

For Him to accuse us would mean that His salvation was a failure and we are still in our sins.

Zechariah 3:4-7 And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "**Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.**" And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by. And the angel of the LORD solemnly assured Joshua, "**Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.**"

Revelation 12:9-11 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, **the deceiver of the whole world**--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "**Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.**"

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, **be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, **but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, **that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.**

Understanding the meaning of justification brings peace to our hearts.

When God declares the believing sinner righteous in Christ, **that declaration never changes**. Our Christian experience changes from day to day, but **justification never changes**. We may accuse ourselves, and men may accuse us; but God will never take us to court and accuse us.

Jesus has already paid the penalty and we are secure in Him.

Christ intercedes for us (v. 34).

A dual intercession keeps the believer secure in Christ: the Spirit intercedes (Rom. 8:26–27) and the Son of God intercedes (Rom. 8:34).

The same Savior who died for us is now interceding for us in heaven. As our High Priest, **He can give us the grace we need to overcome temptation and defeat the enemy (Heb. 4:14–16). As our Advocate, He can forgive our sins and restore our fellowship with God (1 John 1:9–2:2).** Intercession means that **Jesus Christ represents us before the throne of God and we do not have to represent ourselves.**

Hebrews 4:14-16 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Paul hinted at this ministry of intercession in Romans 5:9–10. **We are not only saved by His death, but we are also saved by His life. “Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them”** (Heb. 7:25, niv).

Hebrews 7:25-26 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

Romans 5:6-11 For while we were still weak, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die--but **God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**. Since, therefore, we have now been **justified by his blood**, much more shall we be **saved by him from the wrath of God**. For if while we were enemies **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, now that we are reconciled, **shall we be saved by his life**. More than that, we also **rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation**.

Peter sinned against the Lord, but he was forgiven and restored to fellowship because of Jesus Christ.

Luke 22:31-32 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

He is interceding for each of us, a ministry that assures us that we are secure.

Christ loves us (vv. 35–39).

In Romans 8:31–34 Paul proved that God cannot fail us, but **is it possible that we can fail Him?**

Suppose some great trial or temptation comes, and we fail? Then what? Paul deals with that problem in this final section and explains that **nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ.**

To begin with, **God does not shelter us from the difficulties of life because we need them for our spiritual growth** (Rom. 5:3–5).

Romans 5:3-5 More than that, **we rejoice** in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces **character**, and character **produces hope**, and hope does not put us to shame, **because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit** who has been given to us.

In Romans 8:28 God assures us that the difficulties of life are working for us and not against us. **God permits trials to come that we might use them for our good and His glory.**

We endure trials for His sake (Rom. 8:36), and since we do, **do you think that He will desert us?** Of course not! Instead, **He is closer to us when we go through the difficulties of life.**

Furthermore, **He gives us the power to conquer** (Rom. 8:37). We are **“more than conquerors,”** literally, **“we are superconquerors”** through Jesus Christ! He gives us **victory and more victory!**

We need not fear life or death, things present or things to come, **because Jesus Christ loves us and gives us the victory.**

This is not a promise with conditions attached: “If you do this, God will do that.” **This security in Christ is an established fact, and we claim it for ourselves because we are in Christ.** Nothing can separate you from His love! **Believe it—and rejoice in it!**

A review of this wonderful chapter shows that the **Christian is completely victorious.** We are free from judgment because Christ died for us and we have His righteousness.

We are free from defeat because Christ lives in us by His Spirit and we share His life.

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now therefore **fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.** Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, **choose this day whom you will serve,** whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."**

Joshua 24:22 Then Joshua said to the people, "**You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.**" And they said, "We are witnesses."

We are free from discouragement because Christ is coming for us and we shall share His glory.

We are free from fear because Christ intercedes for us and we cannot be separated from His love.

No condemnation!

No obligation!

No frustration!

No separation!

If God be for us, who can be against us!

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Hymn 87

