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**We're glad you're here!**



# I Will Praise Him

## Hymn 359



# We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise



**We bring a sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord; We bring a sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving; and we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.**

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**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.**

**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! Heavenly 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; Power  
and glory unto the Lord belong.**

**Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent  
greatness; Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful  
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# Let's Just Praise the Lord



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An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, and the background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is centered on the pages.

# **Call to Worship**

***Psalm 119:81-88***

**Psalm 119:81-88** My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?" For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me? The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law. All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

# Great is Thy Faithfulness

## Hymn 98



# I Am Thine, O Lord

## Hymn 455





# Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

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***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:*

*“But from whence shall I fetch my argument?  
With what shall I win them? Oh, that I could tell!  
I would write to them in tears, I would weep out  
every argument, I would empty my veins for ink,  
I would petition them on my knees. Oh, how  
thankful I would be if they would be prevailed  
with to repent and turn!”*

**JOSEPH ALLEINE**



**Today's Message**

**“It Was Foretold, Part 4”**  
***(The Coming of the Kingdom)***

**Scripture text: Luke 17:20-37**

## Preparedness (Luke 17:20–37)

The Jewish people lived in an excited atmosphere of expectancy, particularly at the Passover season when they commemorated their deliverance from Egypt. They longed for another Moses **who would deliver them from their bondage**. Some had hoped that John the Baptist would be the deliverer, and then the attention focused on Jesus (John 6:15). The fact that He was going to Jerusalem excited them all the more (Luke 19:11). Perhaps He would establish the promised kingdom!

**John 6:14-15** When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" **Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king,** Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**Luke 19:11** As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because **they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.**

The Pharisees **were the custodians of the Law**, so they had the right to ask Jesus when He thought the kingdom of God would appear. It was customary for Jewish teachers **to discuss these subjects publicly**, and Jesus gave them a satisfactory answer. However, He reserved His detailed lessons for His disciples.

**Matthew 23:2-3** "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, **so practice and observe whatever they tell you--**but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice.

The word translated “observation” (Luke 17:20) is used only here in the New Testament and means in classical Greek “to observe the future by signs.” It carries the idea of spying, lying in wait, and even scientific investigation. The point Jesus made was that God’s kingdom would not come with great “outward show” so that people could predict its arrival and plot its progress.

**Luke 17:20** Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, **"The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed,**

The Pharisees' question was legitimate, but **it was also tragic**; for Jesus had been ministering among them for some three years, and **these men were still in spiritual darkness**.

They did not understand who Jesus was or what He was seeking to accomplish. **Their views of the kingdom were political, not spiritual**; Jewish, not universal. Jesus did not deny that there would be a future earthly kingdom, but **He did emphasize the importance of the spiritual kingdom that could be entered only by the new birth** (John 3:1–8).

**John 3:3-8** Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. **So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.**"

The statement “**the kingdom of God is within you**” has challenged Bible translators and interpreters for centuries, and many explanations have been given. One thing we can be sure of is that He was not telling the unbelieving Pharisees that they had the kingdom of God in their hearts!

The Greek preposition can mean “within,” “among,” or “in the midst of.” Jesus was saying, “Don’t look for the kingdom ‘out there’ **unless it is first in your own heart**”.

**Romans 14:17** For the **kingdom of God** is not a matter of eating and drinking **but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

At the same time, He may also have been saying, **“The fact that I am here in your midst is what is important, for I am the King.**

**How can you enter the kingdom if you reject the King?”**

**Luke 19:38-40** saying, **“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”** And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, **“Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”** He answered, **“I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”**

The Pharisees were preoccupied with the great events of the future **but were ignoring the opportunities of the present .**

**Luke 12:54-57** He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! **You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?** "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

Having answered the Pharisees, Jesus then turned to His disciples to instruct them about the coming of the kingdom. **He warned them not to become so obsessed with His return that they ended up doing nothing else but trying to track Him down.** This is a good warning to believers who do nothing but study prophecy. Certainly we should look for His return and long to see Him come, but at the same time, **we should be busy doing His work when He comes** (note Acts 1:6–11).

**Act 1:6-11** So when they had come together, they asked him, "**Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**" He said to them, "**It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "**Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?** This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

To begin with, **His coming will affect the whole world**, so it is foolish for anyone to follow false prophets who say “He is here!” or “He is there!” Furthermore, His coming will be as sudden as a flash of lightning.

**Matthew 24:27** For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

**Matthew 24:30** Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

While a study of the prophetic Scriptures **will help us understand the general characteristics of the time of His coming, we cannot know the day or the hour.** It is futile to investigate signs and try to calculate the day of His coming.

**Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**

**Luke 12:40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."**

**Luke 12:46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful.**

Jesus then used two Old Testament events to illustrate the certainty and the suddenness of His coming: the **Flood** (Gen. 6–8) and the **destruction of Sodom** (Gen. 19). In both examples, **the people of the world were caught unprepared** as they engaged in their everyday activities of eating and drinking, marrying, buying, and selling. Noah witnessed to his generation in the years preceding the Flood, but his preaching did not convert them.

**2 Peter 2:5** if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, **a herald of righteousness**, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Noah and his wife, his three sons, and their wives—**only eight people—were saved from destruction because they entered the ark.**

Peter saw this as an illustration of the salvation Christians have through faith in Jesus Christ.

**2 Peter 2:6-7** if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, **making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;** and if he rescued **righteous Lot**, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

**1 Peter 3:18-22** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that **he might bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, **in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.** Baptism, which corresponds to this, **now saves you**, not as a removal of dirt from the body **but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God**, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**Both Noah and Lot lived in days of religious compromise and moral declension, not unlike our present time. During “the days of Noah,” population growth was significant (Gen. 6:1), lawlessness was on the increase (Gen. 6:5), and the earth was given over to violence (Gen. 6:11, 13). In Lot’s day, the unnatural lusts of Sodom and Gomorrah were so abhorrent to God that He completely destroyed the cities. Only Lot, two of his daughters, and his wife (who later was destroyed) were saved from the terrible judgment.**

**Genesis 6:1-5** When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And **they took as their wives any they chose**. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. **The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

**Genesis 6:11-13** Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

**Luke 17:26-27** Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

# To God Be the Glory

## Hymn 363

