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Come Thou Almighty King

Hymn 341




Are You Washed in the Blood

Hymn 259



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An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, but it is out of focus. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text 'Call to Worship' and 'Psalm 11' is overlaid in the center in a large, bold, black font.

Call to Worship

Psalm 11

Psalm 11 In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain, for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart; **if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?**" The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

Heaven Came Down

Hymn 657



What A Friend we have in Jesus

Hymn 466





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Receiving of the Offering



2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

Famous Quote:

“God has placed you where He has placed no one else. No one else in the world has the same relationships you have. No one will stand in the same grocery store line at exactly the same moment you do. No one else will come across a starving diplomat in the desert at exactly the same time you do. God hasn’t put you in those places merely to model the truth. Listen for the voice of the Spirit to whisper in your ear. Watch for the stranger on the road. And be aware of your opportunities to go where He would send you.”

CHUCK SWINDOLL

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
“Redeem the Time”

Scripture text: Ephesians 4:17-5:21

Walk in Wisdom (Eph. 5:15–17)

Circumspect comes from two Latin words which mean “**looking around.**” The Greek word carries the idea of precision and accuracy. “See that you walk carefully, with exactness” is the meaning. The opposite would be walking carelessly and without proper guidance and forethought. **We cannot leave the Christian life to chance. We must make wise decisions and seek to do the will of God.**

Ephesians 5:14–15 are related. Paul appeared to be saying, “**Don’t walk in your sleep! Wake up! Open your eyes!** Make the most of the day!”

It is sad to see many professed Christians “drift” through life, like sleepwalkers, who never really make the most of opportunities to live for Christ and **serve Him**.

Paul presented several reasons why we should be accurate and careful in our walk.

It is a mark of wisdom (v. 15). Only a fool drifts with the wind and tide. **A wise man marks out his course, sets his sails, and guides the rudder until he reaches his destination.** When a man wants to build a house, he first draws his plans so he knows what he is doing. Yet, how many Christians plan their days so that they use their opportunities wisely? True, we cannot know what a day may bring forth (James 4:13–17). But it is also true that a planned life can better deal with unexpected events. Someone said, “When the pilot does not know what port he is heading for, no wind is the right wind.”

James 4:13-17 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"-- **yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring.** What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "**If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.**" As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Life is short (v. 16a). “Buying up the opportunity—taking advantage of it.”

An old Chinese adage says, “Opportunity has a forelock so you can seize it when you meet it. Once it is past, you cannot seize it again.” Our English word opportunity comes from the Latin and means “**toward the port.**” It suggests a ship taking advantage of the wind and tide **to arrive safely in the harbor.** The brevity of life is a strong argument for making the best use of the opportunities God gives us.

The days are evil (v. 16b).

In Paul's time, this meant that Roman persecution was on the way (1 Peter 4:12–19).

How foolish to waste opportunities to win the lost when soon those opportunities might be taken away by the advances of sin in society!

If the days were evil when Paul wrote this letter, what must be their condition today?

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Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but **instead expose them.**

As more information about the Dayton, Ohio killer Conner Betts, emerges, [showing that he had an appetite for "hunting" humans](#), among other things, we have seen quite a bit of chatter over an upcoming movie to be released, called "The Hunt," where rich "elite liberals" kidnap conservative and Christian "deplorables," to hunt them down for sport.

Add in a House Democrat, Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, demanding in a letter sent to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Attorney General William Barr, and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, that the federal government [create a "white nationalist list,"](#) and we have a very sinister picture emerging.

First and foremost it is pertinent to point out that liberals believe any conservatives that think there is nothing wrong with the America first mindset, should be automatically lumped under the "white nationalist" label.

In other words, to liberals like Cleaver, all Trump supporters, Christians, pro-Second Amendment, pro-life, anti-illegal immigration conservatives, should all be labeled as "white nationalists" and is calling for a type of federal registry to label them as potential terrorists.

http://allnewspipeline.com/Hunting_Humans_For_Sport_Latest_Liberal_Fantasy.php



Why won't MSM call out Antifa as a Terrorist organization?

God has given us a mind (v. 17a). “Understanding” suggests using our minds to discover and do the will of God. Too many Christians have the idea that discovering God’s will is a mystical experience that rules out clear thinking. But this idea is wrong—and dangerous. **We discover the will of God as He transforms the mind** (Rom. 12:1–2); and this transformation is the result of the Word of God, prayer, meditation, and worship. If God gave you a mind, then He expects you to use it. This means that learning His will involves gathering facts, examining them, weighing them, and praying for His wisdom (James 1:5). God does not want us simply to know His will; He wants us to understand His will.

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God,** what is good and acceptable and perfect.

James 1:5-6 If any of you lacks wisdom, **let him ask God,** who gives generously to all without reproach, and **it will be given him.** But let him **ask in faith,** with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

God has a plan for our lives (v. 17b).

Paul alluded to this plan (Eph. 2:10). If God saved me, He has a purpose for my life, and I should discover that purpose and then guide my life accordingly. He reveals His plan through His Word (Col. 1:9–10), His Spirit in our hearts (Col. 3:15), and the working of circumstances (Rom. 8:28). **The Christian can walk carefully and accurately because he knows what God wants him to do.**

Like the builder following the blueprint, he accomplishes what the architect planned.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking **that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as **to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him, **bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

Colossians 3:12-15 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **bearing with one another** and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving each other**; as the Lord has forgiven you, so **you also must forgive**. And above all **these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony**. And **let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body**. And be thankful.

Romans 8:26-30 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints **according to the will of God**. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 13:10-14 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this **you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime,** not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

Colossians 4:2-6 Continue steadfastly in prayer, **being watchful** in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the **mystery of Christ**, on account of which I am in prison-- **that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.** **Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.** Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to **answer each person.**

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day—every evening it erases whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course.

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is “time.” Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds and every night it writes off as lost whatever portion of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance; it allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account for you; each night it burns the remains of the day.

If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back, no drawing against the "tomorrow." **You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in God's will.** The clock is running; make the most of today.

Ephesians 5:15-16 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, **making the best use of the time**, because the days are evil.

To realize the value of one year, ask the student who failed a grade; one month, ask the mother who gave birth to a premature baby; one week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper; one hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet; one minute, ask the person who just missed a train; one second, ask the person who just avoided an accident; one millisecond, ask the silver medal winner in the Olympics.

In the following letter from an atheist, even he can see how the Christian should best spend his time:

You are really convinced that you've got all the answers. You've really got yourself tricked into believing that you're 100% right. Well, let me tell you just one thing. **Do you consider yourself to be compassionate of other humans?** If you're right about God, as you say you are, and you believe that, then how can you sleep at night? When you speak with me, you are speaking with someone who you believe is walking directly into eternal damnation, into an endless onslaught of horrendous pain, which your "loving" god created, yet you stand by and do nothing.

If you believed one bit that thousands every day were falling into an eternal and unchangeable fate, you should be running the streets mad with rage at their blindness. That's equivalent to standing on a street corner and watching every person that passes you walk blindly directly into the path of a bus and die, **yet you stand idly by and do nothing.** You're just twiddling your thumbs, happy in the knowledge that one day that "walk" signal will shine your way across the road. Think about it. Imagine the horrors hell must have in store if the Bible is true.

You're just going to allow that to happen and not care about saving anyone but yourself? **If you're right, then you're an uncaring, unemotional and purely selfish (expletive) that has no right to talk about subjects such as love and caring.**

Consider these probing questions about how you spend your time: Do you read your Bible every day without fail? Do you find time to eat food each day? Which comes first in your life—**your Bible or your belly?** Do you ever weep for the unsaved? Have you shared your faith verbally with more than 12 people in the last 12 months?