

At Home Service – Sunday. 21st August 2022

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*Jeremiah 29 v 11 For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord;
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a
future*

Hymn (First 3 verses only)

WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?

Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side?
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for him will go?
By Thy call of mercy,
By Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are Thine.

Jesus, thou hast bought us
Not with gold or gem,
But with thy own life-blood,
For thy diadem.
With Thy blessing filling
Each who comes to Thee
Thou hast made us willing,
Thou hast made us free.
By Thy grand redemption,
By Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour we are Thine.

Fierce may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe
But the King's own army
None can overthrow;
Round His standard ranging
Victory is secure;
For His truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting,
By Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour we are Thine.

Prayer

God our creator, to you be thanks and praise.
You made each one of us in your image.
Our name is on the palm of your hand.
We thank you that you care for each one of us.
You sent your Son Jesus to be the Saviour of this World.
We thank you for your obedience, Jesus, going to the cross,
giving up your life for us.
We thank you for the example that you gave us, by overcoming
the temptations.
To you be all praise our Saviour.
Help us to draw closer to you that we may be strengthened
In our faith in you.
We thank your Holy Spirit, who guides and strengthens us
In our Christian walk.
We give you all the honour and praise our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn

I, the lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand shall save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

**Here I am Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied
I will give my life for them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Bible Reading Jeremiah 1 v 4 – 10

Reflection:

The hymn we have just sung or spoken to God is asking Whom shall I send? Well, Jeremiah was really saying **NO** not me. He did not have a very good time for 40 years as God's prophet if we read the introduction to Jeremiah. But God blessed him Jeremiah walked in God's Holy Spirit from then on whenever he was doing God's work which seems to be quite frequently. Maybe you're thinking, well that was then and this is now. Do you know God still uses people today to help him with his work here on earth! We **ALL** have the Holy Spirit within us. There is a little hole in our hearts which only Jesus can fill. If you step out in faith to do what you know in your heart God wants you to do, He is there with you. In his word he says *I will never leave you nor forsake you* I have held onto that for a few years now. Jesus has never ever let me down. When I walk out in faith, he is there he will be with you too it does not matter how much faith you think you have Jesus will honour it because you are doing the Fathers' work that he has asked of you.

It was about **Repentance** that Jeremiah spoke of a lot of the time. What is Jesus saying to us about it? It is for then and now. When we come to Jesus in true Repentance as a Nation and individuals. There will be much joy in Heaven that we have turned back to our God. Jeremiah wanted to bring unity to all Gods' people. Is that what we want now? God is calling for Repentance and unity for us as individuals and as a nation. ***Whom shall I send? Is it I Lord? I will hold your people in my heart.***

God is calling US today. Will we walk with him?

Intercessory Prayer

Heavenly Father we come to your throne of Grace in the name of Our Lord Jesus. Father there is so much despair in this world and a feeling of helplessness. We pray Father that you will bless ALL the peoples on earth as you are a God of mercy, healing and full of love for the whole of your creation.

We pray for the continuing war in Ukraine that you will pour out your mercy and love to all those effected. We pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ that they will know your grace and power in their lives.

We pray for ourselves that we will continue our Christian walk in the power of your Holy Spirit.

We pray for all those whom we know needing prayer at this time

Accept the prayers of our hearts Father as we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Hymn

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things he hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Chorus

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes.
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Chorus

Blessing

May we spread the Gospel message that others may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Amen