



Last week we introduced a new series on the prophetic books with Amos. We were reminded that the messages of the 'minor' prophets are just as important because all scripture is inspired by God.

Psalm 65 says: *Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.*

You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

*Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds God our Saviour,
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,
who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,
who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy*

Song

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
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Teaching - Habakkuk

Habakkuk is very honest in his prayers to God. Are we as honest as Habakkuk in our praying?

* There are times when we need to wait patiently for the Lord to act. How do we do this? What attitudes do we need?

* "The righteous shall live by his faith" Are we living by faith in all our situations and circumstances?

Song

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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Song

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is, the anchor
My hope is in You alone

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Communion

We invite you to reflect on Psalm 23 as we share communion.
And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Song

Who am I, that the lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I, that the bright and morning star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wandering heart?

Not because of who I am
But because of what you've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who you are

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still you hear me when I'm calling
Lord, you catch me when I'm falling
And you've told me who I am
I am yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me?

Not because of who I am
But because of what you've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who you are

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Lord, be with us this day,
Within us to purify us;
Above us to draw us up;
Beneath us to sustain us;
Before us to lead us;
Behind us to restrain us;
Around us to protect us

Prayers

For strong and lasting relationships to be
maintained and further developed
For Miriam and Carron as they and others
work hard to see people engage with us and
with God.

For our Home groups.

For any who feel isolated or lonely.

Thank you that we have been able to meet at
church and that Coffee Tree has reopened and
that our youth work continues.

Psalm 65 redux

Listen!

There is a call to worship
in the hidden sinews
of our being,
a taut string waiting to be plucked,
a melody longing to be sung.

We are made for praise!
An abundant earth calls it forth:
pounding sea and babbling brook,
sighing trees and their chirping residents,
shimmering stars and silent night,
the growing and the greening
and the resting seed,
invite a joyful song.

A heart freed sings praise!
Surprise of mercy and resonant flesh,
(knowing and known)
delight tickled, joy unleashed,
tender touch and shared walk,
we shout and sing together for joy.

