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Holy Is the Lord God Almighty

From the Pastor's Desk

Singing a New Psalm

Psalm 96:1

In my daily Bible time I have just finished reading through the book of Psalms, which is a wonderful collection of poems that were meant to be sung accompanied by musical instruments from that time period. There are 150 psalms listed by various authors throughout the history of the Israelite nation covering topics from pain to deliverance, from repentance to forgiveness, and some that simply just praise God for being God. I don't know about you, but it is hard not to be impacted by the reading of so many poems that one cannot walk away without feeling inspired to write a psalm as well. Maybe one of the reasons is that in the book of Psalms there are six passages that tell us to sing a new song unto the Lord. One of those passages is psalm 96:1 which says, "Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!" So here it goes, my new psalm:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God almighty;
For awesome is Your name and glorious are Your deeds.

You spoke and there was light,
From Your mouth came forth the earth;
You spoke and the waters separated from the land,
From Your mouth came forth order and sovereign design.

You displayed Your glory in the heavens,
You magnified Your splendor with the radiance of the cosmos;

Upcoming Events and Meetings

May 1, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

May 5 – National Day of Prayer

May 10, 7:00 p.m. – New Weekly Bible Series starts

May 30 – Memorial Day

Remember the fallen heroes.

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study

The sun, moon, and stars give light to your beautiful creation;

You give divine light through Your Son shines brightly in all You have made.

Who is compared to the God of all creation;
Who is like that of our God who sustains all things according to His will?

For majesty alone belongs to Him;

For His splendor is displayed to those who seek His face.

Our God has given His divine love to us a fallen people,

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His beneficence is more greatly recognized
through His plan of salvation;

A plan that is more wondrous than limited creation
itself,

A plan that produced for Him a people called by
His name for eternity.

Wondrous are You our God,
For Your love and favor endures for all time.
Great are You our God,
For Your divine love and favor knows no limit.

When Your people survey Your endless majesty,
Awe is the inevitable response;
Wonder is the uncontrollable reaction;
Peacefulness is the inevitable repose.

For in You alone is Salvation,
For in You alone is eternal joy;
Only in Your salvation is there a glorious hope of
tomorrow,
Only in Your eternal joy is there a release from
sin.

Be praised Lord God almighty,
For You have not left us to ourselves to wallow in
hopeless sin;
Be praised Lord God Sabaoth,
For You have given rest to the weary through
Your love and grace.

With jubilation and affection we proclaim our love
to the Son,
With joy and appreciation we offer up our lives to
Jesus.
For in Christ alone is true life found eternal,
For through the Prince of Peace we have been
made righteous forever before our God.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God almighty;
For awesome is Your name and glorious are Your
deeds.

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Now I do not claim to write with inerrancy or
infallibility, but I hope that you enjoyed the end
result of the new psalm by Yours Truly. I don't
perceive that it will be put to any music, but who
knows, maybe someone reading this submission of
praise will want to do so. Let me encourage you to
also write a new song (psalm) to the Lord, for
doing so will enrich your walk with the Lord.

Blessings,
✠ Pastor Jim

Property and Space Patrol

Grass is growing again and will soon need to be
mowed. Help is always welcome.

✠ Pastor Al

New Tuesday Night Bible Study

Starting on May 10, Pastor Al Page is to begin a
new study series. This series is to cover the twelve
Old Testament (OT) Minor Prophets from Hosea
to Malachi.

That term originated in the late 4th century and
simply referred to the fact that their writings were
much shorter than the Major Prophets like Isaiah,
Jeremiah, and Daniel.

Perhaps they should have called them the "Longer
Prophets" and the "Shorter Prophets," Or maybe
the "Verbose Prophets" and the "Terse Prophets."

A timeline of Biblical history shows that Jonah
was the earliest around 780-850 B.C. and Malachi
was the last one around 430 B.C. The ordering of
the books in the Old Testament is not
chronological, perhaps because of a lack of
accurate dating when these books were organized
into the Old Testament. That would be an
interesting first question to ask Pastor Al.

Lorenzo's Story

The following story appeared in a recent issue of
the Our Daily Bread newsletter.

Lorenzo Miguel grew up in Muquiyauyo, Peru and
was influenced as a high school student by radical
views. One week in March 1970, he was invited to
an evangelistic rally where he heard the gospel
message.

For the whole week, he raged against the message,
but by Thursday when the preacher gave an

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invitation to accept Jesus as Savior, Lorenzo found himself moved by the Holy Spirit. And he has never regretted it.

In 1990, Lorenzo was sponsored by Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan to become a church planter in a Spanish-speaking community. He realized he needed to become fluent in English since he was living in the United States.

Wanting to improve his English, he tried a number of different methods but found that by copying the words of the Our Daily Bread devotional, he learned to write English and by listening to the Our Daily Bread devotional on the radio every day, he became fluent in spoken English and grew closer in relationship to God.

"By the grace of God," Lorenzo said, "in 2019 I finished my Master's Degree in Ministry Leadership with an emphasis on pastoral care at Calvary Seminary. I can say 95 percent of my English I learned from Our Daily Bread."

"I don't know another program better than Our Daily Bread to learn English as a second language," Lorenzo said. "To me, this is the only one for my soul, for my spirit, and my English."

From Peru to Michigan to all across the globe, one small act of giving, praying, and sharing can result in eternal impact for many.

A Plague of Locusts

This true life story was submitted by Pastor Al. For a more detailed recounting of the events, go to the Minnesota Historical Society:

<https://www.mnopedia.org/event/grasshopper-plagues-1873-1877>

Beginning in 1873, the state of Minnesota fell victim to vast swarms of grasshoppers (AKA Rocky Mountain Locusts), moving east after devastating the Dakotas. Some called them locusts; they devoured crops. As in the Biblical accounts, the skies were darkened by the clouds of insects and the people knew great fear.

They beseeched the young state's government to save them. Two governors, Horace Austin and Cushman K. Davis tried, directing their efforts to providing some economic relief but encourage charitable giving to the victims of the infestation.

The plague continued and both governors were replaced.

The next governor, elected in 1876 was John S. Pillsbury, a New Hampshire native who had migrated to Minnesota and helped found the eponymous milling giant. His philosophy focused on fighting the grasshoppers rather than giving aid to their victims. In this, he differed from his predecessors.

There was a case to be made for each approach; their merits were hotly debated. In the meantime, many were mobilized to destroy the eggs of the scourge. But still the menace raged. Five hundred thousand acres of rich cropland had been destroyed.

The desperate citizens asked for a day of prayer. Gov. Pillsbury obliged. He proclaimed that April 26, 1877, would be the day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer set aside for Minnesotans to beseech the Lord to end the plague. He even donated \$10,000 out of his own pocket to build a chapel.

And as that day of prayer drew near, the heavens opened and Minnesota was gifted with harsh weather, rain, freezing rain, then snow and sleet that killed many of the ominous eggs. The storm lasted for two days. Farmers redoubled their efforts to destroy the grasshoppers. They soon left the state to the rejoicing and gratitude, by many, for Divine deliverance!

Gov. Pillsbury was given great credit for calling forth this apparent miracle. He was rewarded with re-election to two further terms. His name is still honored.

This true story comes to mind at our own time of plague. It is relevant to the speculation over what impact our pandemic will have on future national elections. That could depend on how, whether and when deliverance comes.

But the folks of Minnesota will long remember that glorious day in April 1877 when NH native, Gov. John Pillsbury -- despite skeptics -- called for a state-wide Day of Prayer. And those savage swarms of grasshoppers disappeared!

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM. For example, on Saturday

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mornings at 6:30 a.m., enjoy "The Brinkman Adventures," a lively well-done radio drama. During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly.

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating another orbit around the Sun:

5/21 Beverly Guzior

5/22 Rachel Page

5/26 Michael Frascinella



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. If that is you, let

the editor know about it.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Sermons are also recorded weekly and published on the web site as podcasts in mp3 format.

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