

# A WORD ON WORSHIP

## REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM JUNE 7, 2015

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### Isaiah 63:17

*“Why, O Lord, do You cause us to stray from Your ways and harden our heart from fearing You? Return for the sake of Your servants, the tribes of Your heritage.”*



Through God's Spirit, the prophet Isaiah saw a desperate future time in Israel's history.

Because Isaiah predicted conditions that would take place about 100 years after he wrote (after the Babylonians conquered Judah), liberal critics have said that Isaiah couldn't have written this. But I believe that God revealed the future to the prophet and led him to pray this prayer as a gracious way of teaching us how to lay hold of Him and His power in times of great spiritual need.

Isaiah pictures God as shut up in heaven, removed from His people who are suffering because of their sin. In an emotional outburst, the prophet calls upon God to rend the heavens and come down in great power, even as He did at Sinai, to restore His people and to make His name known among the nations. His point is that complacency with the existing low spiritual condition among God's people is the enemy of revival. Remember the lukewarm church at Laodicea? They were content: "We're rich and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing." But God's evaluation was that they were "wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

I know of two ways to keep from lapsing into lukewarmness and thinking that it is normal. First, steep yourself in the Bible so much that when you hear of the worldliness of the modern church, you are appalled. God's Word must shape our worldview. Second, read church history and read some of the great men of God from the past. You will learn how God has worked in history, and you will read men who were not tainted by our modern worldview. But the fact that they wrote in a different time and culture will often jar you to see how far we have drifted. That is the start of revival praying - when some of God's people begin to feel the lack of His working in our day.

Never before has the church had so many methods available to us, but at the same time, so little experience of the power of God. Christians need to know the living God in a deeper way. Also, we need to entreat God to pour out His Spirit through a revived church, so that His power in salvation would turn millions in repentance and faith to Him.

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## The Hymns We Sing

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### A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1

**Words & Music:** Martin Luther, 1529 (*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*) translated from German to English by Frederic H. Hedge, 1853. This song has been called “the greatest hymn of the greatest man of the greatest period of German history” and the “Battle Hymn of the Reformation.” It was sung at the funeral of American president Dwight Eisenhower at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, March 1969.



Martin Luther (1583-1546)



Frederic H. Hedge (1805-1890)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them,  
abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us  
sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body  
they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE June 2015

June 7	8:45 AM	The Man Who Cried for God to Come Down Isaiah 63 & 64
	10:30 AM	Digging Deeper in Second Hour
June 9	7:00 PM	Bible Study in 2nd Timothy
June 12	6:30 PM	Friday Night Fellowship Temple City High School Graduation
June 14	8:45 AM	The Man Who Bought Property in a War Zone Jeremiah 32:1-25
	10:30 AM	Digging Deeper in Second Hour
June 16	7:00 PM	Bible Study in 2nd Timothy
June 19	7:00 PM	Game Night
June 21	8:45 AM	Elder Ken McAuley in the pulpit
	10:30 AM	No Second Hour- Celebrate Father's Day
June 23	7:00 PM	Bible Study in 2nd Timothy
June 26	6:30 PM	Friday Night Fellowship
June 28	8:45 AM	The Man Who Rejoiced in an Invasion Habakkuk 1-3
	10:30 AM	Digging Deeper in Second Hour
June 30	7:00 PM	Bible Study in 2nd Timothy
July 3	7:00 PM	No Game Night- Holiday Weekend
July 4		Independence Day

### Federal judge orders expungement of punishment against teen who persistently shared Christ with classmates

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EVERETT, Wash. - A federal judge in Washington has ruled partly in favor of a high school student who was repeatedly suspended last year over his evangelistic activities on campus, ordering the punishments on his record to be expunged. As previously reported, Michael Leal, a senior at Cascade High School in Everett, was suspended several times last year because of his efforts to share his Christian faith with his classmates. Leal distributed gospel literature to students and also preached in the open air a school event.

According to the Pacific Justice Institute (PJI), which represented the teen in court, Leal was told that he faced expulsion if he continued his activities, which the school has claimed is a “disruption” on campus.

The complaint filed in court last November, the situation began in early September when Leal distributed copies of the booklet “How to Know God” during his lunch period. He was escorted to the principal's office and told that his actions could be offensive.

Principal Cathy Woods, who asked him to stop, suspended Leal from school three times over his refusal, the third time

for the “distribution of religious material and failure to comply with school rules.”

In court, the school's attorney asserted that the student wasn't targeted because of his Christian speech, but rather because he was labeled a “disruption.” The school district also noted that its literature distribution policy only allowed Leal to hand out materials that he had written himself. Pre-printed material is prohibited.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly, appointed to the bench by then-President Ronald Reagan, ruled partly in favor of Leal, mandating that the punishments against the student be removed from his record.

Leal graduated on June 10.

“The court explicitly found the district's policy neutral as to the content of material being distributed,” district attorney Sarah Heineman said in a statement. It was also agreed upon that the suspensions were not a result of religious discrimination.

Leal's attorneys state that they are pleased with the outcome, although the district says that it is considering an appeal.