

PRAISE WAITS FOR THEE IN ZION

Praise waits for thee in Zion: All men shall worship there,
And pay their vows before thee, O, God who hearest prayer.

Our sins rise up against us, prevailing day by day,
But thou wilt show us mercy and take their guilt away.

How blest the man thou callest, and bringest near to thee,
That in thy courts forever, His dwelling place may be.

He shall within thy temple, be satisfied with grace,
And filled with all the goodness of thy most Holy place.

O God of our Salvation, since thou dost love the right,
Thou wilt an answer send us, in wondrous deeds of might.

In all earth's habitations, on all the boundless sea,
Man finds no sure reliance, no peace, apart from thee.

Pastor's Commentary And Outline

And when he is come, (The Holy Ghost) he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. John 16:8

The goal of the Holy Spirit is to make sinners. To give them Christ righteousness. And to assure them, that for them, judgment day, is over! “ **To convince them of sin**” . Their sin, not another's. Not his neighbors, but his own. This work of the Spirit is deeply personal. And deals with the matters of truth. Truth in the inward man. To extract a confession from the believer which prepares him or her for Christ righteousness.

“ *If we confess our sins*” 1John 1:9 “ *Against thee and the only, have I sinned*” Ps51:3,4.

Our whole life, consist of not believing . It is the root and foundation of all sin. Every act of rebellion is rooted in unbelief, until we come to believe on Christ.

“**Of righteousness**”. God's righteousness, is a right standing. A perfect obedience. A full conformity to His holy law. And a complete payment for every act of disobedience. Christ is God's righteousness. And for the believer, Christ is the fulfillment of the law for it, to all who are believing. This righteousness, which satisfies God, Isa 53:10,11, was confirmed when Christ rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father. Had our glorious Savior not accomplished the satisfaction of justice, and performed a perfect obedience before God, he would have never rose from the dead, and certainly not have gone back to glory. “ *He rose for our justification*” . Rom 4:25 This righteousness is given to us, who believe freely, through faith!

“**Of Judgment**” Oh the glory of it! God has closed the courtroom of justice, against us. And the verdict is in forever. Not guilty.” “There is therefore, **now**, No condemnation, in Christ” Rom 8:1. The accuser of the brethren, has been cast out of God's court room. He cannot lay charge! He cannot condemn! Christ died, rose, and mediates, for chosen sinners! “ *Now is the judgment of this world, now is the prince of this world cast out* “ John 8:31! **When?** At the cross! By His death and resurrection! What a glorious God and Savior!

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. Isa 54:17

Sermon outline: Perfection or Perfectionism?

An ideal / goal vs. methodology, system,

(1) Prop: **We must be Perfect!** An attitude contrary to this is misinformed.
Mt5:48/ Phil 3:12-16 // Prov 2:21 /

(2) We want it, We have it, but we are not (P) Ps 138:8 / Eph 4:13 / Heb 12:23

(3) **The flaw of narrowly defining terms:** Example: Love, is not unconditional acceptance. Negates, responsibility, discipline, righteousness, etc
Heb / Greek = Tam.tamin/ Salim - telos/Telios/Teleosis/teleotis / Katartizdo

Perfect: Upright/ blameless/spotless/sincere/ complete/undefiled/ Without flaw
Fulfill, furnished, filled up, lacking nothing, thorough, restore, re-create. Heb 13:21/1P5:10

(4) **Warning! The truly perfect, will condemn perfection, in themselves;** Gen 18:27/ (Paul's journey to perfection- 1 Cor 15:9/ Rom 7:24/ 1Tim2:15) Job 9:20,21

The Two paths to Perfection: Self righteousness / God's Grace:

Heb 7:19 / Chapters 1-5 (woe to them) (Isa 6:5 Woe is me!)

John 17:20-23 /Phil 3:10 (win/ know/gain/ seize) HIM!

(6) **The believers threefold confession: I have it!** Heb 10:14/ Lev 22:21/ **I long for it!** Phil 3:14/ **It's Promise to me is sure .** Heb 11:39.40 / Ps 138:8

(7) **The table is my hope, in type:** "The promise of perfection, in Him.

"The secret of development of Christian character, is the realization of our own powerlessness, acknowledged powerlessness, and the consequent turning unto the Lord for help.

Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chron 29:12

The plain fact is that of ourselves we are utterly unable to practice a single precept or obey a single command that is set before us in the Scriptures. For example: "Love your enemies"—but of ourselves we cannot do this, or make ourselves do it. "In nothing be anxious"—but who can avoid and prevent anxiety when things go wrong? "Awake to righteousness and sin not"—but who can help sinning? These are merely examples selected at random from scores of others.

Does then God mock us by bidding us do what He knows we are unable to do? The answer of Augustine to this question is the best we have met with—"God gives commands we cannot perform, that we may know what we ought to request from Him." A consciousness of our own powerlessness should cast us upon Him who has all power. Here then is where a vision and view of God's sovereignty helps, for it reveals His sufficiency and shows us our insufficiency." -A.W. Pink (The Sovereignty of God)

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