

Sunday 14 April 2024

Judges 19–21Leading
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1 Awake, awake, O Zion,
and clothe yourself with strength,
shake off your dust
and fix your eyes on him.
For you have been redeemed
by the precious blood of Jesus,
and now you sit enthroned with him.
*Our God reigns,
he is King of all the earth.
Our God reigns,
and he's seated on the throne.
Lift your voice,
and sing a song of praise.
Our God reigns,
the awesome Lord most high.*

2 How beautiful the feet are
of those who bring good news,
for they proclaim
the peace that comes from God.
Rise up, you holy nation,
proclaim the great salvation,
and say to Zion 'Your God reigns.'
Our God reigns...

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
our God is with us now.

3 The watchmen lift their voices,
and raise a shout of joy,
for he will come again.
Then all eyes will see
the salvation of our God,
for he has redeemed Jerusalem.
Our God reigns...

Nathan Fellingham

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault

We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Come to me, all who labour
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28–30 ESVUK

There is a higher throne

than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God our King
who reigns on high forever more.*

And there we'll find our home;
our life before the throne.
We'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with him.

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Keith and Kristyn Getty

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Reading Judges 19:22–30

- 1 **Speak O Lord, as we come to you,**
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord and fulfil in us
all your purposes for your glory.
- 2 Teach us Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes;
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- 3 Speak O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights
of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged
from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand
on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk
as you walk with us.
Speak O Lord, 'til your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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Reading Judges 21:16–25

Sermon Aneirin Glyn

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore:
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice!—again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart...

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given;
Lift up your heart...

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice:
God's trumpet-call shall sound, rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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Search for a saviour

Right in one's own eyes

Judges 19–21

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

1. The catastrophe of doing what is right in one's own eyes

Like Sodom and Gomorrah—Genesis 19

Verse 24: “good in your own eyes”

Repaying Gibeah—Judges 20–21

2. The deliverer who is needed

- Mighty deliverer
- Faithful king
- Effective priest
- Passover rescue

John 18:1–11; Matthew 11:23–24, 28–29

NOTICES



1. 4pm small groups: continues Tuesdays, 7.15–9.30pm, at St Helen's. Sign up using the QR code. Groups in English and Spanish studying John's Gospel, and groups in English studying Romans. For more information, email: 4pm@st-helens.org.uk

2. Welcome lunch: Sunday 28 April. Ralf and Marie-Christine are hosting lunch at their home in Bethnal Green, 12 noon for 12:30pm. If you'd like to join, please speak to them after the service or email: mariechristine.wenz@gmail.com

3. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Monday 29 April, 6.15pm for church reports; 7.30pm for ministry update and prayer. Join us as we consider and pray for church planting. To join online: shb.org.uk/cfp. We will be electing six churchwardens, of whom 2 are standing for the first time: Charles Wakiwaka (4pm) and Gábor Szarka (6pm). Here is a video introducing them: shb.org.uk/wardens. New PCC members standing for election are Andrew Kuiper (10am), Theo Jones (10.30am), Hannah Abraham-Araya (4pm), Julian Bertie (6pm) and Sarah Strain (6pm).

4. If you could ask God one question: For this year's week of talks (21–23 May) we will be answering the questions our friends, colleagues and family want to ask. This is a great opportunity to open up conversations about the good news of Jesus with all kinds of people. The top three questions will each have an evening devoted to them. Use the cards to gather questions and submit them at shb.org.uk/onequestion

5. Associate scheme: interested in training for Bible teaching ministry? Why not consider applying for the associate scheme. Applications are open, for more information, visit: shb.org.uk/AssociateScheme or scan the QR code.



6. The Bible Matters podcast: a new podcast featuring interviews and conversations with faithful Bible teachers all over the world. Just search *The Bible Matters Podcast* wherever you get your podcasts, or: biblematters.podbean.com

7. Current vacancies: for details, visit: shb.org.uk/jobs

Next Sunday: William Taylor will be speaking on 1 Timothy 1:1–11