

# A WORD ON WORSHIP

## REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM OCTOBER 6, 2013

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### **Ephesians 6:18-20**

*With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*



I confess that prayer is one of the most difficult topics for me to preach about because it is difficult for me to understand and practice. On one hand, I know the only reason God has enabled me to persevere as a pastor is His grace that has come to me through the prayers of His people and through my own desperate cries to Him for help. Not a week goes by without my feeling overwhelmingly inadequate for this ministry. I could not endure without prayer. Yet on the other hand, the longer I am a Christian, the more acutely I am aware of my own shortcomings in prayer.

The Christian life is not about making ourselves happy and comfortable yet it is often the theme of most of our prayer time. I often wonder if the angels know what I will ask based on the first three words because the Christian life is a battle with the unseen forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. To stand with God against this evil enemy, we must be people of prayer, not just with a blessing over a meal or uttered as a matter of last resort, but to have a prayer for every season of our lives.

And yet the command of Scripture is for us to be persevering in prayer. Perseverance means we do not give up when we do not see the result we want – but we faithfully continue to wait on the Lord. This is one of the aspects of prayer that I find most difficult. We are to pray with “all perseverance.” Jesus told the parable of the widow who kept pestering the hardhearted judge, until finally he relented just to get her off his back. Jesus assures us that God is not uncaring like that unrighteous judge, but He will bring about justice speedily for His elect who cry out to Him.

And yet, Paul’s word about perseverance as well as our experience, shows that Jesus’s promise of God answering speedily must be interpreted by God’s view of time, not ours. I can’t give you a rule for when to go on praying and when to conclude that God isn’t going to answer. I have prayed for one request for many years now that has not been answered. So, I modified the request and keep praying. I have scratched some people off my prayer list after years of praying with no visible results. If God brings them to mind, I’ll pray, but I don’t pray for them regularly anymore. But when I do stop praying for someone, it is not because I doubt God’s ability to answer. Rather, after years of praying, it just seems that God is not going to answer me personally and so I leave it with Him and His sovereign will.

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**EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.**

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## The Hymns We Sing

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### Jesus Paid It All

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/html/j/p/a/jpaidall.htm>

*“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”*

Isaiah 1:18

Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865.

Music: John T. Grape

I hear the Savior say,  
 “Thy strength indeed is small;  
 Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
 Find in Me thine all in all.”

#### Refrain

Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe;  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I  
 Whereby Thy grace to claim,  
 I’ll wash my garments white  
 In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

#### Refrain

And now complete in Him  
 My robe His righteousness,  
 Close sheltered ’neath His side,  
 I am divinely blest.

#### Refrain

Lord, now indeed I find  
 Thy power and Thine alone,  
 Can change the leper’s spots  
 And melt the heart of stone.

#### Refrain

When from my dying bed  
 My ransomed soul shall rise,  
 “Jesus died my soul to save,”  
 Shall rend the vaulted skies.

#### Refrain

And when before the throne  
 I stand in Him complete,  
 I’ll lay my trophies down  
 All down at Jesus’ feet.

#### Refrain

## SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE October 2013

- Oct. 6 8:45 a.m. Spiritual Warfare and the Armor of Prayer *Ephesians 6:18-20*  
 10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- Oct. 8 7:00 p.m. Bible Study: Book of Ephesians at the Kikkert’s
- Oct. 11 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Oct. 13 8:45 a.m. *New Series In The Book Of Judges Why Study the Book of Judges?*  
 10:30 a.m. Second Hour Corporate Prayer
- Oct. 15 7:00 p.m. Bible Study: Book of Ephesians at the Kikkert’s
- Oct. 18 7:00 p.m. Game Night
- Oct. 19 5:00 p.m. Sunrise Community Church *35th Anniversary Dinner*
- Oct. 20 8:45 a.m. Judges 1:1-2:5 Living with the Enemy  
 10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- Oct. 22 7:00 p.m. Bible Study: Book of Ephesians at the Kikkert’s
- Oct. 25 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Oct. 27 8:45 a.m. Series on Judges continues
- Oct. 31 6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat by Westminster Presby. Church  
*Front parking area of church campus.  
 Runs through 8:30 p.m.*

### About the composition of Jesus Paid It All

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/html/j/p/a/jpaidall.htm>

By John T. Grape, composer of the music for Jesus Paid it All.

Our church was undergoing repairs, and the cabinet organ was placed in my care. Thus afforded a pleasure not before enjoyed, I delighted myself in playing over some of our Sunday school hymns. I determined to give tangible shape to a theme that had been running in my mind for some time, to write, if possible, an answer to (William Batchelder) Bradbury’s beautiful piece, *Jesus Paid It All*.

I made it a matter of prayer and study and gave to the public the music now known as *All to Christ I Owe*. It was pronounced very poor by my choir and friends, but my dear wife persistently declared that it was a good piece of music and would live. Time has proved the correctness of her judgment.

Soon after, the Rev. George W. Schreck called on me to select anything new that I had to offer. On hearing this piece he expressed his pleasure with it and stated that Mrs. Elvina M. Hall had written some words that would just suit the music. I gave him a copy of it and it was soon sung in several churches here in Baltimore [Maryland] and well received.

At the suggestion of friends I sent a copy to Professor Theodore Perkins and it was published in Sabbath Carols. Under the providence of God it has been going ever since. I trust that it has not failed to accomplish some good to my fellow-men for the glory of God.