

THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSING

(1) There shall be showers of blessing,
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

(chorus) Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

(2) There shall be showers of blessing,
Precious reviving again,
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain.

(3) There shall be showers of blessing,
Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing,
Come and now honor Thy Word.

(4) There shall be showers of blessing,
O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we've confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call!

LET THE REDEEMED

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, Praise the Lord!

I WILL BLESS THEE, O LORD

I will bless Thee, O Lord, I will bless Thee, O Lord;
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O
Lord. With my hands lifted up – and my mouth filled
with praise; with a heart of thanksgiving,
I will bless Thee, O Lord.

Special Music: "I Could Never Out Love the Lord"

(1) There's been times when giving & loving brought pain,
And I promised I would never let it happen again,
But I found out that loving was well worth the risk,
And that even in losing you win.

(chorus) I'm going to live the way He wants me to live,
I'm going to give until there's just no more to give,
I'm going to love, love 'til there's just no more love,
I could never, never out love the Lord.

(2) He showed us that only through dying we live,
And He gave when it seemed there was nothing to give,
He loved us when loving brought heartache and loss,
He forgave from an old rugged cross...

RESPONSIVE READING - "Christ, Our High Priest"
Hebrews 3:1,4, 15,16; 7:24-27; 10:11-14, 19-22

LEADER: Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.

PEOPLE: We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

LEADER: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

PEOPLE: This man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

LEADER: Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

PEOPLE: For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

LEADER: Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's;

PEOPLE: For this he did once, when he offered up himself

LEADER: And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins

PEOPLE: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God

LEADER: From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

PEOPLE: For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

LEADER: Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

PEOPLE: By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

LEADER: And having an high priest over the house of God;

PEOPLE: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

TEACH ME TO PRAY, LORD

- (1) Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray;
This is my heart-cry day unto day;
I long to know Thy will and Thy way;
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.
- (chorus) Living in Thee, Lord, and Thou in me,
Constant abiding, this is my plea;
Grant me Thy power, boundless and free;
Power with men and power with Thee.
- (2) Power in prayer, Lord, power in prayer,
Here 'mid earth's sin and sorrow and care;
Men lost and dying, souls in despair -
O give me power, power in prayer!
- (3) My weakened will, Lord, Thou canst renew;
My sinful nature Thou canst subdue;
Fill me just now with power anew,
Power to pray and power to do!
- (4) Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray;
Thou art my Pattern day unto day;
Thou art my Surety now and for aye;
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.

SERMON OUTLINE
“Jesus High Priestly Prayer” - John 17:1-26

Intro:

I. Jesus Prays for Himself – vs. 1-5

- cross = pathway to glory and eternal life

1. cross was glory for Jesus = completion of His work
2. cross glorified God
3. cross brought further glory to Jesus – Philippians 2:5-11
4. cross was the way back to God

II. Jesus Prays for His Followers – vs. 6-26

1. Prays for us to understand the Father - vs 6-8
2. Prays for Unity/Oneness – vs. 8, 20-23
3. Prays for our Joy to be full – vs. 13
4. Prays for our Protection – vs. 14-15

5. Prays for our Holiness – vs. 16-19

6. Prays for our Mission – vs. 18, 23

7. Prays for our Love – vs. 25-26

8. Prays for our Glory – for Himself & Disciples vs. 22, 24

a. cross brings glory

b. obedience brings glory

c. unity brings glory

9. Prays for our Future Hope – vs. 24

Conclusion: this prayer reveals the spiritual priorities that were in the heart of Jesus – the glory of God; the sanctity of His people; the unity of the church and the ministry of the gospel to a lost world

How important it is for us to examine our lives and make sure that we are living up to all that Jesus wants us to be. He paid the ultimate price for us to be in a relationship with Him, so may our lives reflect His glory. May we be a shining light to demonstrate His presence in our lives, inviting others to come and be a part of His glorious kingdom