

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020 *Adventures in Kings*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation O God Our Help in Ages Past

Call to Worship

Song O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – #77

Prayers of the People

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

New Testament Colossians 3:1-4

Message Rev. Keith Fink

The Gift of Life 2 Kings 4:8-37

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song Living Hope

Benediction

Benediction Response Reformation Hymn

Adventures in Kings The Gift of Life 2 Kings 4:8-37

Question: Where do we find hope in a world marked by death?

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

"If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." (1 Corinthians 15:19)

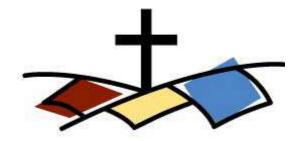
"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:1-4)

Answer: Our hope is found in our God who sent his son into the world. He took on flesh like ours and stretched his body out on a cross dying for us. Then he rose from the dead victorious over death. If our life is found in him, then we too will appear with him in glory.

Point to Ponder: How do we primarily think of God? That is to ask, what do we predominately seek from him? Do we only desire for Him to make this life a little more bearable, or do we long to see evidence that He is carrying us to His good purpose until "the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6) - a day that stretches into eternity?

Next Week:

We will continue our sermon series Adventures in Kings by looking at the text of **2 Kings 4:42-44** The Bread of Life.



O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears That bids our sorrows cease 'Tis music in the sinner's ears 'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin He sets the pris'ner free His blood can make the foulest clean His blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God Assist me to proclaim To spread thru all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739 Music by Carl G. Gläser, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus Yours is the victory

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope

God You are my living hope

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