

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord Jesus, we're sure you wonder why we fret and worry over so many things when you have conquered those things that would truly endanger us. We worry about what people think when what you think matters most. We worry about what we will wear when you clothe the flowers and birds with glory. We worry about your grace and love when you proved your love on the cross and promised never to leave us or forsake us. Forgive us for our weak faith. Forgive us for our foolish pride. Restore us to right relationship with you and grow our faith that we may praise you at all times. Amen.

Scripture Readings

August 31, 2008

Isaiah 42:1-4

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

1 Peter 5:1-11

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great

things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Outline

"Liing Stones!" • Part 6: "Clothed in Humility"

v1 Peter 5:1-11

Introduction: "What's the key?"

The First Godly Virture vs. The first deadly sin.

1. Clothe _____ in humility.

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." v.5

- It's _____ when God does it!

2. "What's the teacher looking for..?"

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. v.5-6

- Two duties of the servant:

1. _____.
2. _____.

3. Stop _____.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." v.7

- The one who loves, _____.

4. The practice of humility:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7

Answers to Sermon Outline: yourselves, tougher, determine the master's will, do the master's work, holding on, carries, prayer praise and thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!