**O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

Paul Gerhardt/Hans Leo Hassler; harmonized by J.S. Bach

O sacred Head, now wounded,

With grief and shame weighed down,

Now scornfully surrounded

With thorns Thine only crown,

How pale Thou art with anguish,

With sore abuse and scorn!

How does that visage languish,

Which once was bright as morn

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered

Was all for sinners' gain:

All mine was the transgression,

But Thine the deadly pain

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!

'Tis I deserve Thy place;

Look on me with Thy favor,

Assist me with Thy grace

What language shall I borrow

To thank Thee, dearest Friend,

For this, Thy dying sorrow,

Thy pity without end?

O make me Thine forever,

And should I fainting be,

Lord, let me never, never

Outlive my love for Thee

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**Days of Elijah**

Robin Mark

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

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**This Week’s Catechism**

Q#25: How is Christ a priest?

A: As a priest, Christ offered himself up once as a sacrifice for us to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, and he continually intercedes for us.

Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-12

Training Hearts, Teaching Minds: pp. 83-86

*For further family discussion pick up a copy of “Training Hearts, Teaching Minds” by Starr Meade from the Welcome Center. This book includes daily readings.*

**Today’s guest speaker:**

Reverend Jon Payne,

District Superintendent

Jon Payne grew up in Iowa, and at the age of five, he came to know the love of his heavenly Father through the loving example of his earthly father. While at a camp in Clear Lake, Iowa, Jon sensed God’s call on his life to surrender to Paul’s challenge in Romans 12:1 to “…as an act of worship, surrender as a living sacrifice…” Jon met his wife Kim through a mutual friend during their senior year of high school. They were married on Valentine’s Day 1987. Together, Jon and Kim have had many opportunities to minister to children, youth and adults. They have also led many inner-city, international, and local mission trips. By God’s grace, they have been able to impact hundreds of students and adults through camps, retreats, and mission trips. Jon and Kim have two adult married daughters, Kristin and Jessica. For over twenty-five years Jon has been in vocational ministry as a student ministry pastor, Fellowship of Christian Athletes staff member, interim senior pastor, and senior pastor. He became District Superintendent of the Forest Lakes District of the Evangelical Free Church of America in November of 2016. Jon believes that the message C.H. Spurgeon preached in 1863 is just as relevant today: “The Church of Jesus Christ is the Hope of the World.” Jon has invested his entire life in the church and is committed to seeing how Christ will build the churches of the FLD, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against His Church!

**Questions for Discussion & Application**

1. What sorts of challenges and life circumstances prompt people to consider giving up?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33. What difficulties and trials did Paul endure?

3. Discuss 2 Corinthians 4:7, where Paul conveys the message of weakness vs. power, using jar containers to contrast weakness with God’s strength. How does God use our weaknesses to show His power?

4. When you feel like giving up because of the overwhelming struggles of life, how does keeping an eternal perspective help you with discouragement?

5. How can you use hardships and trials you have experienced to be an encouragement to others?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17. How is it possible to grow spiritually in the midst of momentary troubles?

7. How would you explain the idea that the troubles of this world are “light and momentary” when compared to eternity?

8. What examples from your own life would you use to prove the importance of keeping an eternal perspective?

9. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. How is one’s faith defined by how they handle hardships?

10. What next steps can you take to turn hardships into opportunities to rely on God’s power?

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***Don’t Give Up! -* 2 Corinthians 4:1-18**

Reverend Jon Payne
August 13, 2020

1. God gives us a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-6)

2. God gives us a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 7-12)

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