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Genesis 14

His choice says “My God keeps His promises”

Prepare for the Word

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Glorify Him, all peoples!

² For great is His faithful love to us;
the LORD's faithfulness endures forever.
Hallelujah!

Psalm 117:1-2

Sing God's Word

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_M_ZdWrCjs

Who has Held the Oceans in His Hands?

**Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,
All creation rises to rejoice.**

Chorus:

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King! Nothing can compare.
Come let us adore Him!**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?**

Chorus

**Who has felt the nails upon His hand?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man:
God eternal, humbled to the grave;**

Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign.

Chorus

**You will reign forever (x4)
Let Your glory fill the earth (x4)**

Chorus

Jonathon Baird/Meghan Baird/Ryan Baird/Stephen Altrogge
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Pray the Word (i)

Confession

¹⁰ ... as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, together they have become useless; there is no one who does good, there is not even one.

Romans 3:10-12

**Merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the desires and schemes of our own hearts,
and have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who repent,
according to the promises declared to us
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
that from now on,
we may live godly and obedient lives,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen**

Assurance and Thanksgiving

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
His steadfast love endures forever!

Sing the Word

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spE-BE23qxA>

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhalting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.**

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
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Hear the Word **Kids' talk...**

Bible-readings...

all readings are from the Christian Standard Bible

For this Melchizedek-- King of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham and blessed him as he returned from defeating the kings, ² and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything; first, his name means "king of righteousness," then also, "king of Salem," meaning "king of peace"; ³ without father, mother, or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God-- remains a priest forever. ⁴ Now consider how great this man was, to whom even Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the plunder! ⁵ The sons of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment according to the law to collect a tenth from the people-- that is, from their brothers-- though they have *also* descended from Abraham. ⁶ But one without this lineage collected tithes from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises. ⁷ Without a doubt, the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸ In the one case, men who will die receive tithes; but in the other case, *Scripture* testifies that he lives. ⁹ And in a sense Levi himself, who receives tithes, has paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰ for he was still within his forefather when Melchizedek met him. ¹¹ If, then, perfection came through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there for another priest to arise in the order of Melchizedek, and not to be described as being in the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must be a change of law as well. ¹³ For the One about whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, from which no one has served at the altar. ¹⁴ Now it is evident that our Lord came from Judah, and about that tribe Moses said nothing concerning priests. ¹⁵ And this becomes clearer if another priest like Melchizedek arises, ¹⁶ who doesn't become a *priest* based on a legal command concerning physical descent but based on the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it has been testified: You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek. ¹⁸ So the previous commandment is annulled because it was weak and unprofitable ¹⁹ (for the law perfected nothing), but a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to

God. ²⁰ None of this *happened* without an oath. For others became priests without an oath, ²¹ but He with an oath made by the One who said to Him: The Lord has sworn, and He will not change His mind, You are a priest forever. ²² So Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant. ²³ Now many have become *Levitical* priests, since they are prevented by death from remaining in office. ²⁴ But because He remains forever, He holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Therefore He is always able to save those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede for them. ²⁶ For this is the kind of high priest we need: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day, as high priests do-- first for their own sins, then for those of the people. He did this once for all when He offered Himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak, but the promise of the oath, which came after the law, *appoints* a Son, who has been perfected forever.

Hebrews 7:1-28

Sermon...

In those days Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim ² waged war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, as well as the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³ All of these came as allies to the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Dead Sea). ⁴ They were subject to Chedorlaomer for 12 years, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶ and the Horites in the mountains of Seir, as far as El-paran by the wilderness. ⁷ Then they came back to invade En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and they defeated all the territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who lived in Hazazon-tamar. ⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and lined up for battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar-- four kings against five. ¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim contained many asphalt pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, *some* fell into them, but the rest fled to the mountains. ¹¹ The *four kings* took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and went on. ¹² They also took Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, for he was living in Sodom, and they went on. ¹³ One of the survivors came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was at the oaks belonging to Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and the brother of Aner. They were bound by a treaty with Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his relative had been taken prisoner, he assembled his 318 trained men, born in his household, and they went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ And he and his servants deployed against them by night, attacked them, and pursued them as far as Hobah to the north of Damascus. ¹⁶ He brought back all the goods and also his relative Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the *other* people. ¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was a priest to God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed him and said: Abram is blessed by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²⁰ and give praise to God Most High who has handed over your enemies to you. And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people, but take the possessions for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of

Sodom, "I have raised my hand in an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will not take a thread or sandal strap or anything that belongs to you, so you can never say, 'I made Abram rich.' ²⁴ I will take nothing except what the servants have eaten. But as for the share of the men who came with me-- Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre-- they can take their share."

Genesis 14:1-24

His choice says "My God is faithful"

1. Intro

2. The big shots throw their weight around...

3. ...but God has other plans

4. Abram's choice

a. King Melkizedek

b. King of Sodom

5. Jesus' choice

6. Your choice

Pray the Word (ii)

The Lord's Prayer

¹Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.

²Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

³Give us today our daily bread;

⁴forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

⁴Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;

⁵for the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and forever.

Amen.

General prayer...

Pray in line with the numbered clauses above – a one line prayer for each one...

Affirm the Word

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven.
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

See the Word

¹⁴ When the hour came, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, "I have fervently desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ In the same way He also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant *established by My blood*; it is shed for you. ²¹ But look, the hand of the one betraying Me is at the table with Me! ²² For the Son of Man will go away as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

Luke 22:14-22

Taking time to reflect on the gracious sacrifice of Jesus for our sins, share bread and wine/juice. As you eat, give thanks to God for what he has achieved through Christ.

Sing the Word

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExkRzGvgte8>

Micah Song

**How can I come before You, Lord?
Bow down to You exalted God?
Will offerings of earthly things
Appease my soul, forgive my sin?
You have shown us what is good,**

This is what You require:

Chorus

**To act justly, and love mercy,
And walk humbly with You, God.
To act justly, and love mercy,
And walk humbly with You, God,
With You, God.**

**The greatest act of love displayed
Upon the cross of Calvary:
The Son of God, by man betrayed,
Laid down His life to set us free.
You have shown us what is good,
This is what You require:**

**To act justly, and love mercy,
And walk humbly with You, God.
To act justly, and love mercy,
And walk humbly with You, God,
To act justly, and love mercy,
And walk humbly with You, God.
To act justly, and love mercy,
And walk humbly with You, God,
Before You, God.**

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Go out in the Word

**Lord Jesus Christ,
fill us with your Spirit
and send us out with confidence in your Word,
to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Pray through Psalm 70....

- Mon 19:** SRE (Bellata—Neil)
Tambar Springs; Tingha
- Tues 20:** Bible-study groups
Women's ministry (Tracey) and Playtime (Beth, Leigh, Hayley)
St John's Tamworth; Tenterfield
- Wed 21:** Those in need... Charles and Annette Radford; Pete and Ebonnie Whan; Phil and Ros Brown; Syd Brown, and Della Brown; Pam Kiss; Joan Williams; HSC students (Tim Mirtschin; Ben Stiller)
Uralla; NEGS
Mission: C & S, Act Beyond
- Thur 22:** SRE (West/Town—Margaret Baxter, Bernard, Neil, Ros T, Julie, Leigh, Michelle, Susan, Rosanne)
Parish Council; Ministry Committee
UNE Chapel; Walgett
- Fri 23:** Youth Group—Neil, Bernard, Matt, Brent, Elizabeth, Jess McF
Men's Ministry—Graeme Rapp, Neil Hunt, Phil Firth
Warialda; Locums
- Sat 24:** Pray for those who have felt the economic impact of COVID in sharp ways...
Wee Waa
- Sun 25:** Pray for the spread of the good news in Narrabri
St Paul's West Tamworth; Safe Ministry