

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG

"Days of Elijah"

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 days of great trials of famine and darkness and sword,

Still we are the voice in the desert-crying,

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

(Chorus)

Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun,

at the trumpet call. So 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.

And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the

world.

And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,

declaring the word of the Lord.

(Chorus x2)

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

"Come, Great God of All the Ages" #132 vs. 1

Come, great God of all the ages, Make Your earthly mission known;

Speak through every deed and person, Let Your way and will be shown.

Guide the church to true commitment, Give direction now, we ask;

Fit us for the work of building, Dedicate us to the task.

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POSTLUDE *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"* - arr. Mark Hayes

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PRELUDE *"Thy Word"* - Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING PRAYER

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"The Benefits of God's Word"

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG

"Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"

Your law, O Lord, is perfect,

the simple making wise;

how pure are your commandments,

enlightening my eyes!

More to be sought than riches,

your words are my soul's wealth;

their taste is sweet like honey,

imparting life and health.

My strength and my redeemer,

lawgiver and true light,

my words and meditations

make worthy in your sight.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

(R) And also with you.

PROFESSING OUR FAITH

(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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FURTHER THOUGHTS Nehemiah 8:1-12 p.761

(L) The word of the Lord. (R) Thanks be to God.

"The Blessing of God's Word"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" #454

**Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You;
By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded;
You alone to God can win us, You must work all good within us.**

**Glorious Lord, Yourself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open now our ears and heart, Help us by Your Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry that we are raising; Hear, and bless our prayers and praising.**

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PRAYER REPENTANCE

God of grace and glory, we thank you that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven our sins; past, present, and future. We rejoice in knowing that through the gift of faith we are a new creation in Christ! We admit however, that we have not lived fully into who you have created and redeemed us to be. We do not always love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We can find it difficult to treat our neighbors and ourselves with the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace which you shower upon us. We ask that by the power of your Spirit, we would be transformed, so we may fully delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

AT THE CROSS

I know a place, a wonderful place

Where accused and condemned find mercy and grace

Where the wrongs we have done and the wrongs done to us

Were nailed there with You, there on the cross

At the cross, You died for our sin, At the cross, You gave us life again.

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OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FINAL THOUGHTS Luke 4:14-21 p. 1,591

"The Fulfilling God's Word"