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The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah



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867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
 2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
 3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
 4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
 con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
 your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
 flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
 flee, that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
 see that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
 ty, still as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*

Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.**

**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen

73A God Is the Strength of My Heart

Psalms 73A

Refrain



God is the strength of my heart and my por-tion for-ev - er.

Tone



As for me, my feet had / almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my / foothold.
For I envied the / arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the / wicked.
It troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary / of God;
then I understood their final / destiny. *Refrain*

You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.
My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are shortsighted and focus on this life. We try to make this earth our perfect home and become discontent when life goes better for the wicked than it does for us. Turn our eyes toward you, and help us to live each day with the confidence that heaven is our ultimate and perfect home, for there we will live with you and the Father and the Spirit. Amen.

PASSION READING

Matthew 26:1–35

¹When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas.

⁴They plotted together how to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”

⁶When Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman approached him holding an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸But when his disciples saw this, they were upset and said, “Why this waste? ⁹This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”

¹⁰Jesus was aware of this and said to them, “Why are you causing trouble for this woman? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ¹¹You are always going to have the poor with you, but you are not always going to have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Amen I tell you: Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver.

¹⁶From that time on Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him the Teacher says, ‘My time is near. I will observe the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

¹⁹The disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

²¹As they were eating, he said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

²³He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, replied, “Surely, not I, Rabbi?”

He said to him, “Yes, you are the one.”

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.” ³⁰After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

³⁴Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.”

³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

432:1-5 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness,



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 with cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 the sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 they give you gall to drink, they still de -
 yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 the Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 we for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; they cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, this I do mer - it.
 owe him, who would not know him.
 quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

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SCATTERED SHEEP

⁷Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
and against the man who is my associate, declares the LORD
of Armies.

Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered,
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

⁸This will take place in the whole land, declares the LORD:
Two thirds of those who remain in it will be cut off and
perish,

but one third will be left in it.

⁹I will put that third into the fire,
and I will refine them as silver is refined,
and I will test them as gold is tested.

They will call on my name, and I will answer them.

I will say, "This is my people."

And they will say, "The LORD is my God."

PRAYER

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent
hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes
and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal
changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

