



Trustworthy Sayings: Salvation and Godliness

“While bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.”

(1 Tim 4:8-9)

Call to Worship

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!**

**May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!**

(Ps 134)

Let us pray.

**Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,
it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,
to know you, to love you, and to worship you.
It is our greatest pleasure,
our highest privilege, our chief delight,
to meet with you, the one true and living God,
and experience your grace and favour.
Grant us power by your Holy Spirit
to worship you now, in spirit and in truth.
Amen.**

Valley of Vision

Psalm 139. Your Hand Upon Me.

O Lord You have searched me,
and You know my ways;
You perceive all my thoughts
from afar.
Your hand is upon me
wherever I go;
before I can speak,
You already know

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
You are there;
If I rest on the far side of the sea,
Your love hems me in
both behind and before;
You have laid Your hand upon me;
You have laid Your hand upon me.*

Where can I flee
from Your presence, O Lord?
If I sleep in the depths,
You are there.
Your day will consume
all the shadows of night;
The dark cannot hide
from Your brilliant light.

Chorus

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Confession and Assurance

Hear what God's word says:

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether." (Ps 139:1-4)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion.**

God's word tells us:

*"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Prov 28:13)*

Let us therefore confess our sins against God,
and against our neighbour,
first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or be seated.

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

**Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgement.**

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps. 51)

Assurance of Pardon

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (Ro 8:1-2)

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled
with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths
of my disgrace
and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse
of sinfulness,
and clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness
with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled
with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses
with strength

and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough
for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled
with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is
my perfect peace,
whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow Him.

God's Word

Matt 6:1-18, Treasures in Heaven, p. 811

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

Psalm 50

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of

trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers.

"You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

"Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, age after age. Amen!

Second Reading: 1 Tim 4:1-10, p. 992

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

*Sermon: Trustworthy Sayings: Salvation and Godliness
(David Thornhill-Smith)*

Psalm 67

O God, to us show mercy
And bless us in your grace;
Cause now to shine upon us
The brightness of your face;
That so your way most holy
On earth may soon be known,
And unto every people
Your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you,
Let all the nations sing;
In every land let praises
And songs of gladness ring;

For you shall judge the people
In truth and righteousness,
And you shall lead the nations
Your justice to confess.

Let all the peoples praise you,
All tongues and tribes should sing,
For earth in rich abundance
To us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us;
Let all the earth maintain
The praise it owes its Maker,
The reverence due His name.

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He 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 the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The stewards will distribute the wine and bread.

Eat the bread as you receive it, but keep the wine until we all drink together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty and eternal God,
We thank you for reassuring us at this meal
of your favour and goodness towards us,
of your word for us.**

**We thank you that we are truly members of the body of your Son,
that we are heirs, by grace, of your eternal kingdom.**

**We humbly beg you, heavenly Father,
to keep us as faithful members of your church,
to strengthen us by your Spirit,
to draw us together in love and unity,
that we may serve through those good works
which you have prepared for us to do
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
and for His glory. Amen.**

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce." (Pro 3:9)*

Eternal Weight of Glory

Now the days and hours and moments
of our suff'ring seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing
where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus;
and we cling to him, our strength.

Oh, eternal weight of glory!
Oh, inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
and our broken years restored.

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake!
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"
when we meet our King of Grace.
Every year we thought was wasted,
every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
in our Saviour's vict'ry song*

We will see our wounded Saviour,
we'll behold him face to face;
And we'll hear our anguished stories
sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

Chorus

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Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Notes & Notices

Paul's Trustworthy Sayings

1. **Salvation** "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1 Tim 1:15)
 2. **Godliness** **"Godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." (1 Tim 4:8)**
 3. **Life** "If we have died with him, we will also live with him", (2 Tim 2:11)
 4. **Works** "I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works." (Tit 3:8)
 5. **Calling** "If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task." (1 Tim 3:1)
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Please diarise and pray for the following:

This Coming Week...		
Sun 13 th Aug	Morning Worship	2 Tim 2:1-13. Trustworthy Sayings 3 Salvation for Life
Further Ahead...		
Tue 15 th Aug	Joy Hammond's funeral	* 1pm * in the church hall
Every Tue in Aug	Tots and Toys	Please pray
Sun 27 th Aug	Church Picnic & Thornhill-S Farewell	

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture references are from the English Standard Version (ESV)