

Sunday 22 March, 2020 - 11am

God is our strength and refuge,
Our present help in trouble;
And we therefore will not fear,
Though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
Though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us ever-
more!

There is a flowing river,
Within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her –
She shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
Thrones vanish in His presence –
God the Lord of hosts is with us ever-
more!!

Come, see the works of our maker,
Learn of His deeds all-powerful;
Wars will cease across the world
When He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
Uplift Him in the nations, God the Lord of
hosts is with us evermore!

Shorter Catechism Q29-31

Q29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q30. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in

us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Bible Reading Habakkuk 1:1-11

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received.

2 How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

5 "Look at the nations and watch- and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

6 I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own.

7 They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honour.

8 Their horses are swifter than leopards,
fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their
cavalry gallops headlong; their
horsemen come from afar. They fly like
a vulture swooping to devour;
9 they all come bent on violence. Their
hordes advance like a desert wind and
gather prisoners like sand.
10 They deride kings and scoff at rulers.
They laugh at all fortified cities; they
build earthen ramps and capture them.
11 Then they sweep past like the wind
and go on- guilty men, whose own
strength is their god."

I am a city on a hill,

I am a light in the darkness,
Jesus living in me can change the world.
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Jesus living in me can change the world.

So let my light, let my light shine, let my
light shine;
Let it shine;
let my light shine, let my light shine, let
my light shine;
if God is for me who can stand against
me,
Let my light shine, let my light shine, let
my light shine.

We are a city on a hill,

O Lord, the clouds are gathering, the fire
of judgement burns,
How we have fallen!
O Lord, You stand appalled to see Your

laws of love so scorned,
And lives so broken.

Chorus

Have mercy, Lord, (Men)
Have mercy, Lord, (Women)
Forgive us, Lord, (Men)
Forgive us, Lord, (Women)
Restore us, Lord, (All)
Revive Your church again.
Let justice flow (Men)
Let justice flow (Women)
Like rivers, (Men)
Like rivers, (Women)
And righteousness like a
Never failing stream. (All)

O Lord, over the nations now where is
the dove of peace?

Her wings are broken.

O Lord, while precious children starve the
tools of war increase;
Their bread is stolen.

Chorus

O Lord, dark powers are poised to flood
our streets with hate and fear;

We must awaken!

O Lord, let love reclaim the lives that sin
would sweep away
And let Your kingdom come.

Chorus

Yet, O Lord, Your glorious cross shall tow-
er triumphant in this land,
Evil confounding.

Through the fire Your suffering church
display the glories of her Christ:
Praises resounding!

Chorus

Sermon - Is God in Control (1)

*Life brings its own challenges to faith.
Even the prophets struggled at times with
what was happening. Today we learn
that God is always in control.*

A. The Situation the Prophet Faced

Israel had turned away from God. How is that described?

B. The Perplexity the Prophet Revealed

The prophet could not understand God's

1. _____ action
2. _____ action
3. _____ action

C. The People the Lord confounds

Who are these people?

1. _____ no belief
2. _____ some belief
3. _____ true belief

There is a higher throne,

Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from every tongue,
Will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace,
Salvation comes.

Chorus

*Hear heaven's voices sing,
Their thunderous anthem rings;
Through emerald courts and sapphire*

skies,

Their praises rise.

*All glory, wisdom, power,
Strength, thanks and honour are,
to God, our King who reigns on high,
For evermore.*

And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We'll honour Him in perfect song,
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear stained eye,
As thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King,
We'll reign with Him.
Chorus