

Sermon Notes 24 May 2020

Last Words

I Am Thine O Lord

Fanny Crosby

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

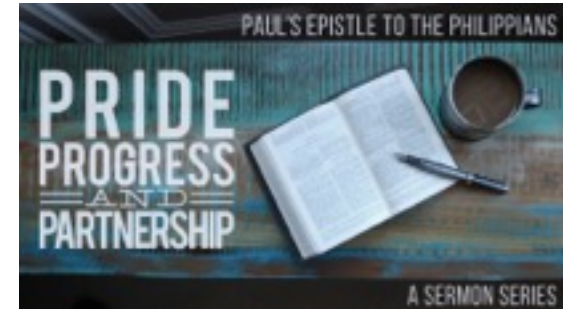
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

Philippians 4

(NRSV) 4 Rejoice (*chairó*) in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice (*chairó*). 5 Let your gentleness (*epieikés*) be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry (*merimnaó*) about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think (*logizomai*) about these things. 9 Keep on doing (*prassó*) the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. 11 Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. 14 In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.



Four commands

1. Rejoice (*chairó*)

- *charis*: grace
 - Let your gentleness (*epieikés*) be known to everyone
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2. Do not “worry” (*merimnaó*)

- Phil. 2:20 *merimnao*: to take care of, take charge of
 - Phil. 2:27 *lupé*: sorrow, grief, anxiety, worry
 - Phil 2:28 *a-lupo-teros*: without *lupé*
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3. Think (*logizomai*)

- Phil 3:13
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4. Practice (*prassó*)

The result? Peace that passes understanding.

Praise to the Lord Almighty

Joachim Neander

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to His temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost