



## Welcome to our Remote Service

Sunday 3rd May 2020

### Genesis 23 - Faith in the Face of Death

**Welcome:** Julian Bidgood

**Song:**

To God be the glory! great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

William H. Doane (d1916)/Fanny Crosby(d1915)

**Confession:**

**Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
**we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have followed too much our own desires**  
**and have not loved You with our whole hearts.**  
**We have broken Your holy laws.**  
**We have left undone what we ought to have done,**  
**and we have done what we ought not to have done**  
**and we deserve Your judgment against us.**  
**O Lord, have mercy on us helpless sinners.**  
**Help us to turn back to You, and restore those who truly repent,**  
**as You have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**And grant, merciful Father, for His sake,**  
**that we may live a godly and righteous life,**  
**to the praise of Your holy name. Amen.**

## What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?



### Song:

1. Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to Him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to Him

2. Jesus said, if I am weak  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind  
Jesus, strong and kind*

3. Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful...*

4. Jesus said, if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And He showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

*For the Lord is good and faithful...*

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### Prayers: Lisa Horrocks

### Song:

1. When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me so  
He will hold me fast*

2. Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

*He will hold me fast...*

3. For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When he comes at last

*He will hold me fast...  
He will hold me fast...*

Ada Ruth Habershon ,  
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## Reading: Genesis 23 - John Richardson

<sup>1</sup> Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old. <sup>2</sup>She died at Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep over her.

<sup>3</sup> Then Abraham rose from beside his dead wife and spoke to the Hittites. He said, <sup>4</sup> "I am an alien and a stranger among you. Sell me some property for a burial site here so that I can bury my dead."

<sup>5</sup> The Hittites replied to Abraham, <sup>6</sup> "Sir, listen to us. You are a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will refuse you his tomb for burying your dead."

<sup>7</sup> Then Abraham rose and bowed down before the people of the land, the Hittites. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "If you are willing to let me bury my dead, then listen to me and intercede with Ephron son of Zohar on my behalf <sup>9</sup> so that he will sell me the cave of Machpelah, which belongs to him and is at the end of his field. Ask him to sell it to me for the full price as a burial site among you."

<sup>10</sup> Ephron the Hittite was sitting among his people and he replied to Abraham in the hearing of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city. <sup>11</sup> "No, my lord," he said. "Listen to me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of my people. Bury your dead."

<sup>12</sup> Again Abraham bowed down before the people of the land <sup>13</sup> and he said to Ephron in their hearing, "Listen to me, if you will. I will pay the price of the field. Accept it from me so that I can bury my dead there."

<sup>14</sup> Ephron answered Abraham, <sup>15</sup> "Listen to me, my lord; the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver, but what is that between me and you? Bury your dead."

<sup>16</sup> Abraham agreed to Ephron's terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weight current among the merchants.

<sup>17</sup> So Ephron's field in Machpelah near Mamre--both the field and the cave in it, and all the trees within the borders of the field--was legally made over <sup>18</sup> to Abraham as his property in the presence of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of the city. <sup>19</sup> Afterwards Abraham buried his wife Sarah in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre (which is at Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

<sup>20</sup> So the field and the cave in it were legally made over to Abraham by the Hittites as a burial site.

**Talk:** 'Faith in the Face of Death' - David Horrocks

## Song:

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Saviour before the Holy Judge, the Lamb Who is my Righteousness,  
The Lamb Who is my Righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold,  
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold!

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## Closing Prayer

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### Next Week

David Horrocks will be speaking on Genesis 24, 'Their Eyes Met'.

Question 10 answer: Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in worship of God. Fifth, that we love and honour our father and our mother.



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