

# The God Who Calls Us to Consider Our Ways

## Scripture for Meditation: *Haggai 1:5, 6*

Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

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## Hymn of Dependence: *O Great God*

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart;  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;  
You have loved and purchased me: make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,  
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace;  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;  
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me.

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## Offertory Hymn of Supplication: *I Asked the Lord*

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith, and love, and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek, more earnestly, His face.

I hoped that in some favored hour,  
At once He'd answer my request;  
And by His love's constraining pow'r,  
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry pow'rs of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried,  
Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?  
“'Tis in this way, the Lord replied,  
I answer prayer for grace and faith.”

“These inward trials I employ,  
From self, and pride, to set thee free;  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,  
That thou may'st find thy all in Me.”

John Newton, 1725-1807

## Responsive Reading: *Hebrews 12:25-29*

See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

**For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.**

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

**Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

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## Hymn of Confession: *Purify My Heart*

Purify my heart; touch me with Your cleansing fire.  
Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire.  
Breathe Your life in me; kindle a love that flows from Your throne.  
O purify my heart; purify my heart.  
*(Repeat)*

Jeff Nelson  
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## Prayer of Corporate Confession

## Silence for Personal Confession

## Assurance of Pardon: *I John 2:1b-2*

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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## Prayer of Blessing

## Hymn of Consecration: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

American Folk Hymn

## Hymn of Triumph: *A Mighty Fortress\**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabbaoth, His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

Words and music by Martin Luther, 1483-1546, alt. tune  
Translation by Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890  
\*Children under first grade may leave during this song.

### Ministry of the Word

## Church Info

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### Service Times

#### SUNDAY

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service  
10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

#### THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Shepherding Groups

\*A nursery is available for all services.

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What drove [Haggai's] relentless urging of the rebuilding of the temple was his theology of the temple, and not some sort of fanatical preoccupation with architectural grandeur.

It was [Haggai's] theology of who the Lord is that framed his call for appropriate submission to the will of the sovereign Lord for postexilic Israel. It was [Haggai's] theology of holiness that mandated the warning that an impure people were incapable of pure worship but instead defiled everything with which they came into contact.

Richard A. Taylor