

Wise Words for Washington from a Dying Man

It was 1995 and John Ashcroft had just moved to Washington, DC. from the governor's mansion in Missouri to be sworn in as a Senator from that state. John's father was a Pentecostal pastor. He was not in good health, but looked forward to his son assuming yet another large responsibility as a citizen and a Christian. He told a friend that he was hanging on by a thread, and the thread was very thin. In Washington, the morning of the induction some friends and family were gathered together. John's father said, "John, please listen carefully. The spirit of Washington is arrogance, and the spirit of Christ is humility. Put on the spirit of Christ. Someday I hope someone will come up to you as you go about your duties, tug on your sleeve, and say, Senator, your spirit is showing." Pastor Ashcroft flew

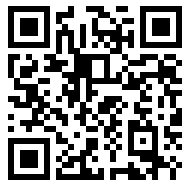
back home to Missouri the same day, but not before he made a friend promise him something. He said, "Dick, I want you to assure me that when John gets to his assigned offices, you will have prayer with him, inviting the presence of God into those rooms" Dick assured him that he would also call him and by the use of the speakerphone he could participate in the dedication. The pastor replied that he would not be able to reach him by phone. That night he died. In 2001, Senator John Ashcroft left the Senate to become the attorney general of the United States.

- Charles Fortner

Events

TODAY 7th/8th and Vision
Youth Meetings
7 PM at church
TODAY Nursery Workers
Makeup 7 PM
1/25 Thanksgiving
Testimonies 7:15 PM
2/4 Men's Prayer 7:30 AM

Give



Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Michael Lopes
Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die,
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let me hide myself in Thee

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

Matthew 11:19-30, page 816

**#439 Jesus Thy Blood and
Righteousness**

Preparatory

Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and I shall stand complete in Thee

(Chorus) Yea, justified! O blessed thought!

And sanctified! Salvation wrought!

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

Complete in Thee each want supplied and no good thing to me denied
Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be, I ask no more, complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin Thy grace hath conquered, reign within
Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee and I shall stand complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Dear Savior, when before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are
Among Thy chosen I shall be at Thy right hand, complete in Thee **(Chorus 2x)**

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Andy Dunkerton
The Gospel Song

(Sing 3 x's) Holy God, in love, became perfect Man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin. By His death I live again.

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By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

**(Chorus) We will stand as children of the promise
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.**

**Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant
from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

(Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

(Chorus)

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Scripture Reading Offertory/Preparatory Sermon

**Matthew 25:14-30, page 830
#280 I Love Thy Kingdom Lord
Pastor Stu Johnston**

Special Prayer Closing Hymn

Your Great Name

1. The lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great name.
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name.
Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name.

(Chorus) Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

**Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise Your great name.**

2. All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name.
The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name.

(Chorus)

Your great name.

Jesus, no higher name than Jesus, no sweeter name than Jesus.

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

**Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up and all the world will
praise...**

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

**Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise Your great name, Your great name, Your great
name.**

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