

SCRIPTURE & HYMNS 09 17

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 13.20-22

20 After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. **21** By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. **22** Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18.21-35

21 Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” **22** Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; **25** and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. **26** So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27** And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. **28** But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ **29** Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ **30** But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. **31** When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their

lord all that had taken place. **32** Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ **34** And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. **35** So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

HYMNS

Immortal, Invisible

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Cry Of My Heart

Refrain:

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you.

Refrain:

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do.

Open my heart umpire and more, and make me wholly devoted to you.

Refrain:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,

bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death and hell's destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

Closing Song: The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you

There'll be shouts of joy

And all the trees of the field

Will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands

the trees of the field will clap their hands

the trees of the field will clap their hands

While you go out with joy.