

Old Testament Transfer of Leadership

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 “Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

I Kings 2:1-4 “When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon His son. “I am about to go the way of the earth”, he said. So be strong, show yourself a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in His ways, and keep His decrees and commands, His laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go, and that the Lord may keep His promise to me: If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.”

Passages from the Psalms

Psalm 46:10 “He says, be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 62:5-8 “Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my might rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all time, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.”

Psalm 130:5-6 “I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.”

Psalm 139:23-24 “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 145:18 “The Lord is near to all who call on Him, in truth.”



Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been at work now for just over one year, and we are very humbled and grateful for your ongoing prayers and support as we seek the Lord’s will, choice, and calling of a new pastor and head of staff. We now invite you to join us on a journey of intentional and expectant prayer as we listen for the Holy Spirit to lead us to our next pastor and head of staff. Most of all, for all of us to acknowledge that the great head of the church is the Lord Jesus Christ!

We ask that the entire church join us in prayer with passages we are providing, and you may want to add your favorite scriptures as well, to help in hearing God’s voice of discernment. We pray for God’s chosen one for SHPC to be Christ-like in character, with Spirit-given gifts needed in this new season of our faith journey. We pray for a strong leader, receiving the Lord’s vision, and one who is excited to be called to lead us in worship and preach the word of God.

We give gracious thanks to God for our remarkable past and present pastors with a wholehearted anticipation to welcome our new pastor. We must pray for the Lord’s grace to make this transition smooth, loving, and pleasing to Him. Remember how Israel transitioned from beloved Moses to Joshua, and the shift from King David to Solomon. Let’s pray to trust His will as we seek to serve His Kingdom purposes!

Yours in Christ,

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Pray Fervently, Expectantly, and Intentionally

Colossians 4:2 “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

II Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

I Corinthians 14:12 “So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.”

Colossians 1:9 “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.”

Mark 1:35 “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.”

Remember Christ’s Promises

Isaiah 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Jeremiah 32:17 “Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You.”

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.”

Matthew 10:11 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

Keep the Faith

I Timothy 6:11-12 “But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Nehemiah 8:10 “Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

John 14:26-27 “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Worship

II Timothy 4:1-2 “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and His kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction.”

Ephesians 4:11-12 “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Keep a Humble Heart

I Peter 5:6-7 “Humble yourselves, then, under God’s mighty hand, so that He will lift you up in His own good time. Leave all our worries with Him, because He cares for you.”

Philippians 2:3-4 “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Colossians 3:12 “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Ephesians 4:2 “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

Christ the Head of the Church

Colossians 1:15-20 “The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, my making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.”

