

St Peter's Barge

London's Floating Church

Sunday, 29th March 2020

Welcome!

Marcus Nodder is leading and preaching

SONG: Creation sings the Father's song

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We earnestly repent,
and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us, and strengthen us to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG: Awake, awake, O Zion

READING: Luke 12:13-21

SONG: Blessed be your name

READING: James 4:13-5:11

TALK

PRAYER

SONG: Indescribable

Q&A

NEXT SUNDAY –

Title: Believing prayer (James 5:12-20)

Speaker: Marcus Nodder

James 4:13-5:11

4¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— **14** yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. **15** Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” **16** As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. **17** So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

5 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. **2** Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. **3** Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. **4** Behold, the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. **5** You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. **6** You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. **8** You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. **9** Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. **10** As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **11** Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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JAMES
James 4:13-5:11
Right perspective

- what's the time? ¹

LIFE IS UNCERTAIN
So beware the illusion of power
(4:13-15)

- godless plans (v13)
- uncertain life (v14)
- divine will (v15) ²
- evil pride (v16-17)

JUDGEMENT IS COMING
So beware the misuse of money
(5:1-6)

- coming judgement (v1-2) ³
- luxurious living (v3b,5)
- unjust oppression (v4,6) ⁴

THE LORD IS AT THE DOOR
So be patient and persevere
(5:7-11)

- be patient (v7-8)
- don't grumble (v9)
- be steadfast (v10-11)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Anything you want to talk about from what you've heard? What can you do to not lose track of time spiritually? Which aspect of worldliness is the biggest danger for you?

¹ Romans 13:11

² Psalm 139:16; Matthew 10:29; Ephesians 1:11; Acts 18:21; Romans 1:10; 1 Corinthians 4:19; 16:7

³ Isaiah 13:6; Luke 6:24-25

⁴ Ezekiel 16:49