



## 2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

27th March 2011

### *Readings from the English Bible*

- Proverbs 15
- Mark 8
- Colossians 3
- Psalm 37

### *Metrical Psalms*

- Psalm 130:1-8

### *Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection*

March 27

#### DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you #James 4:8

The nearer we come to God, the more graciously will He reveal Himself to us. When the prodigal comes to his father, his father runs to meet him. When the wandering dove returns to the ark, Noah puts out his hand to pull her in unto him. When the tender wife seeks her husband's society, he comes to her on wings of love. Come then, dear friend, let us draw nigh to God who so graciously awaits us, yea, comes to meet us.

Did you ever notice that passage in Isaiah 58:9? There the Lord seems to put Himself at the disposal of His people, saying to them, "Here I am." As much as to say—"What have you to say to me? What can I do for you? I am waiting to bless you. How can we hesitate to draw near? God is nigh to forgive, to bless, to comfort, to help, to quicken, to deliver. Let it be the main point with us to get near to God. This done, all is done. If we draw near to others, they may before long grow weary of us and leave us; but if we seek the Lord alone, no change will come over His mind, but He will continue to come nearer and yet nearer to us by fuller and more joyful fellowship.

***Charles Haddon Spurgeon***

*Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time*

**“Where high the heavenly temple stands”**

Michael Bruce  
(1746-1767)

*Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;*

Where high the heavenly temple stands,  
The house of God not made with hands,  
A great High Priest our nature wears,  
And there before our God appears.

He who for us as Surety stood,  
And shed for us His precious blood,  
Pursues in heaven His gracious plan—  
The Saviour and the Friend of man.

Though now ascended up on high,  
He bends on earth a brother's eye;  
Partaker of the human name,  
He knows the frailty of our frame.

In every pang that rends the heart,  
The “Man of sorrow” bears a part;  
He sympathises with our grief,  
And brings the suffering saint relief.

With boldness, therefore, at the throne  
Let us make all our sorrows known,  
And seek the aid of heavenly power  
To help us in each trying hour.

**“Come happy souls who know the Lord”**

Samuel Medley  
(1738-1799)

*1Peter 2:2-4 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,*

Come, happy souls, who know the Lord,  
Who love and trust His sacred Word;  
With songs of praise address His throne,  
And Jesus sing, the living Stone.

Chosen of God, and precious too  
He is, in each believer's view;  
Built upon Him, and 'stablished here,  
They all as living stones appear.

No other trust shall intervene,  
To Him I'll look, on Him I'll lean;  
And all foundations I'll disown,  
But Him who is the living Stone.

Though sins and sorrows o'er me roll,  
He quickens and restores my soul:  
My life and comforts, all I own,  
Flow only from this living Stone.

Here my salvation stands secure,  
This Rock of Ages must endure;  
Nor shall my hope be overthrown,  
Built upon Christ, the living Stone.