

Preaching Dates

Saturday 23 November 2019

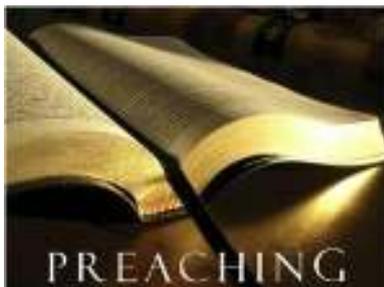
Elizabeth de Silva (am + pm) at Aglow International outreach event, Greenock
Charles Sommerville (pm) at Barnards Court Mission

Sunday 24 November 2019

Ian Barr (am) at Johnstone Baptist Church
Hazel Brooks (am) at Larkhall Baptist Church
Glen Cartwright (am) at Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church, Glasgow
Bill Haining (am) at Bridge of Don Baptist Church, Aberdeen
Stephen Ilett (am) at Alness Baptist Church, Ross-shire
Aubrey Jamieson (am) at Walls Methodist Church, Shetland
Sylvia Jones (am) at the Chaplaincy, Borders General Hospital, Melrose.
Jackie Macdonald (am) at Sheddocksley Baptist Church, Aberdeen
John Perkins (am) at Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria
George Sprott (am) at Kelso Baptist Church
Andrew Swanson (am) at Cambuslang Baptist Church

Aubrey Jamieson (pm) at Haroldswick Methodist Church, Island of Unst (most northerly church in the UK)

Jonathan Groves (am + pm) at Elgin Baptist Church



“He Will Come to Us”

By Aubrey Jamieson



Difficult experiences that we go through in life can leave us feeling like a storm is all around us. And even though we're surrounded and supported by many people we can still feel so lonely and so vulnerable amidst it all.

In Matthew 14 v 22 – 32, the disciples of Jesus were out in the boat - it was the middle of the night, they were in the middle of the lake, in the middle of the storm. So, things were looking very dark and pretty hopeless. And Jesus wasn't even with them.

But the experience of the disciples in the storm can be an encouragement to us when we go through the storms of life. In these situations, it's easy to feel that God has deserted us, or that He is far away from us. The Psalmist David complained at times that God seemed far away and unconcerned for him. Yet deep down he knew that God would ultimately rescue him.

We're told that Jesus went out to the disciples walking on the water. Why did He do that?

I believe it was to show his followers that the very thing they feared was no object to Him. In fact, the raging sea was merely a walkway for Him to come to them on. And just as He is master of the wind and the waves, so He is Lord of all life, of all circumstances, and even death itself is subject to Him.

For He has gone through death already. In fact, He has destroyed death by His Resurrection from the dead. When He rose on Easter morning, He rendered it powerless!

Why did the disciples not recognise Jesus that morning? Primarily, because they were not looking for Him. Had they been exercising faith in Him they would have immediately known who He was. Instead they thought He was a ghost. Because fear and faith cannot coexist in our hearts. Fear will always blind our eyes to the presence of the Lord. To the fact that despite what we may be going through or what life may throw at us, in His time, He will come to us.

So, in the darkness, in the storms, in the midnight experiences of life, when we feel 'all at sea' we can call out in faith to Him. And He will come to us and He will be, as the Psalmist reminds us, 'an ever-present help to us in our time of trouble'.

And because He is Lord of all life, He has promised that nothing in all creation – not even death itself - will be able to separate us from His love. For, He will come to us and He will see us through.