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JULY 5, 2020

Psalm

WORSHIP IN



REAL LIFE

A SPECIAL SERMON SERIES

welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

calendar

- Need info? Trouble logging in? E-mail info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org
- Sundays 9:30am - Livestream Worship Service - Facebook live
- Mondays 7:00pm - Care Group - Main Sanctuary
- Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study - 7am via Zoom
- Thursdays - Sunday Preview and Prayer with Pastor Mike - FB/Instagram
- Fridays - Women's Ministry Minute - FB/Instagram

- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, July 5th, 6pm - Main Sanctuary
- Ben Brophy and Family - Assoc Pastor Candidate Weekend - July 17-19

finances

General Offering - May '20	\$23,876.85
Designated Gifts - May'20	\$1,251.50
YTD General Offering thru May '20	\$108,411.59
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

July 5, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Psalm 30. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

[Numbers 6:24-26 ESV]

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is frustrating about someone not listening to you? Have you ever prayed and asked God to listen to your prayers?
- What is the definition of grace? Can we create it ourselves?
- How has sin affected you? Physically? Emotionally? Relationally?
- When we call on God for help, what do you think is his reaction?
- With our society so divided on issues, how can we respond from a biblical worldview?
- What is our ultimate hope? How can you show others this?
- How can we resolve the command to love God? Shouldn't that be felt? What does that really mean? Where else in Scripture is it found?
- Consider the perfect thankfulness of God - were do you need to trust him more this week?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Psalm 32

SING

10,000 Reasons | Great is Thy Faithfulness | His Mercy is More | How Deep the Father's Love for Us | He Will Hold Me Fast

sermon notes

July 5, 2020

PSALM 31

Faithful God and Faithful Prayers

1. 3 Requests [31:1-18; Luke 23:46; Psalm 103:13-14]

We are free to ask God to:

- Listen to us [v2]
- Be gracious to us [v9]
- Save us in His love [v16]

2. Thanksgiving. [31:19-24]

Big Idea: The faithful hope in the faithfulness of God.

10,000 Reasons

Chorus 1

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name**

Sing like never before

**O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass and
Whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes**

Chorus 1

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name**

Sing like never before

**O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 2

**You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great**

And Your heart is kind

**For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find**

Chorus 1

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 3

**And on that day when
My strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come**

**Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore**

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

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Great is Thy Faithfulness

VERSE 1

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.**

CHORUS

**Great is Thy faithfulness.
Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

VERSE 2

**I could not love Thee,
So blind and unfeeling;
Covenant promises fell not to me.
Then without warning, desire, or deserving,
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee!**

CHORUS

**Great is Thy faithfulness.
Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

VERSE 3:

**I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;
Yet in thy mercy,
How pleasing thou find'st me,
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy!**

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness.

Great is Thy faithfulness.

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

VERSE 4

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence

To cheer and to guide.

Strength for today

And bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine,

with ten thousand beside.

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness.

Great is Thy faithfulness.

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory

His Mercy is More

VERSE 1

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

VERSE 2

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender,
is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

VERSE 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment,

His life was the cost.

**We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

CHORUS

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more**

**How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.**

**It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

He Will Hold Me Fast

**When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.**

**I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.**

**He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;**

He will hold me fast.

**Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
when He comes at last**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

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