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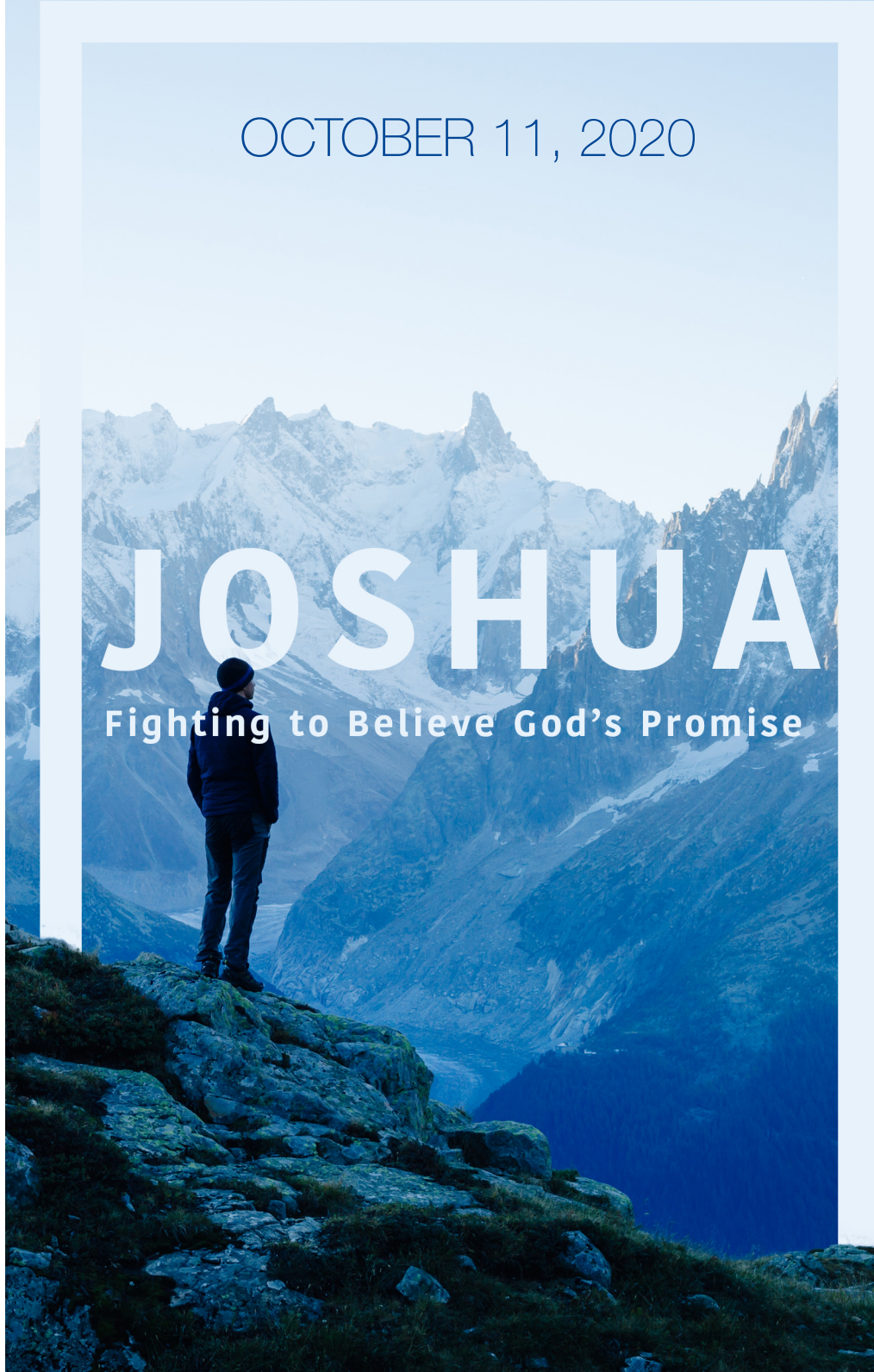
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OCTOBER 11, 2020

JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise



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

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- MidWeek Study - 6:30pm - Wednesdays - Bible Overview - at HBC
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays and Thursdays, see Mel or Doreen
- Member Meeting - Sunday, November 15, 6pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 25, 6:30pm
- **Next Steps New Members Class - TODAY - 6pm!**

finances

General Offering - Sep '20	\$18,090.23
Designated Gifts - Sep '20	\$371.51
YTD General Offering thru Sep '20	\$192,325.13
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

October 11, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Joshua 19. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.”

(Hebrews 10:26-27 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about a time when you felt different or “distinct” for being a Christian. What was difficult or uncomfortable about it?
- Consider the balance in tension that God saves and sustains us, but it is ours to persevere in the faith. How does the passage above relate?
- What can you do to stop sin’s progression in your life?
- Do you think at all about the end of your life? How can we seek to “finish well” as Christians?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Joshua 20

SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Before the Throne of God Above | He Will Hold Me Fast | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | O Great God

sermon notes

October 11, 2020

JOSHUA 19

Inheritance and Obedience, Part 4

1. Keep it Salty. [19:1-9; Matthew 5:13]

God’s people should be distinct.

2. Unlocked Door. [19:10-39; Exodus 23:33; Num 33:55-56; Mark 13:13; Hebrews 10:26-27]

God’s people heed God’s warnings.

3. From Bad to Worse [19:40-48; Judges 18]

God’s people know that sin is progressive.

4. Joshua [19:49-51]

God’s people finish well.

VERSE 1

**Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured**

**For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

VERSE 2

**Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice**

**In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

VERSE 3

**Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord**

**The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

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Verse 1

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me**

**My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

Verse 2

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin**

**Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me**

Verse 3

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
my perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am,
The king of glory and of grace**

**One with Himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood
My life hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and My God**

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

**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

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O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

VERSE 1

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need**

VERSE 2

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts**

**My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night**

VERSE 3

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
May all my days bring glory to Your Name**

Verse 1

**O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r**

**Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more**

Verse 2

**I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys**

**Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace**

Verse 3

**Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face**

**You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me**