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January 17, 2021

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



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 - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm - resumes THIS WED!
- Annual Member Meeting - Sunday, January 24, 2021
- Next Steps membership class - Sunday, February 14, 2021
- Don't forget about the Baby Bottles! Pick one up today or fill one online!

finances

General Offering - Dec '20	\$29,598.85
Designated Gifts - Dec '20	\$1,690.50
YTD General Offering thru Dec '20	\$272,612
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

January 17, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 4:1-11. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, **that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**”

(Deuteronomy 8:2-3 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When are you most weak and vulnerable to temptation?
- Where are you tempted to doubt God’s provision? Can anyone share a time when you did and what you learned?
- What have you been asking God to do in his power? Has he done it yet? How are you processing this?
- What can we do to protect ourselves from false teaching that takes Scripture out of context?
- Where are you tempted to doubt God’s goodness? How does that relate to our hearts and trust?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 4:12-25

SING

Build My Life | 10,000 Reasons | I Will Wait For You | He Will Hold Me
Fast | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

sermon notes

January 17, 2021

MATTHEW 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

1. Stones to Bread. [4:1-5; James 1:13; Deuteronomy 8:1-3]

In weakness, we are tempted to doubt God’s provision.

2. Temple Pinnacle. [4:5-7; Psalm 91:11-12; 1 Timothy 4:1]

In weakness, we are tempted to doubt God’s power.

3. Get Thee Hence. [4:8-11; Deuteronomy 6:13]

In weakness, we are tempted to doubt God’s goodness.

Verse 1

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You (we live for You)**

Verse 2

**Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You, oh we live for You**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You,
open up my eyes in wonder**

**Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
To those around me**

Verse 1

Chorus

Bridge

**And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

Chorus

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

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

**Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy**

Verse 2

**Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone**

Chorus 1

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You
Til my soul is satisfied**

Verse 3

**So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave**

Chorus 1

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You
Til my soul is satisfied**

Verse 4

**Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice**

Chorus 2

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight By grace I will be able
To join the jubilee
You prepared a place for me**

Chorus 1

**Blessed be blessed be
My God and Savior
You've shown me favor
You prepared a place for me**

Chorus 1

**Blessed be blessed be
My God and Savior
You've shown me favor
You prepared a place for me**

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!**

Verse 4

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Ending

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**