

# leadership

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March 21, 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]

## kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands! Kids will be dismissed downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk by the coffee table for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)  
Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

## calendar

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- **Member Meeting - TONIGHT - 6pm**
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study starts March 23rd! Talk to Melanie Ruel or Doreen Baxter today!
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- Wednesdays: MidWeek Study - 6:30pm Wednesdays - at church
- Good Friday Service - April 2nd at 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday Services - April 4th at 9:30am and 11am - Please register!
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, April 11th 6pm

## finances

General Offering - Feb 2021	\$19,525.32
Designated Gifts - Feb 2021	\$892.14
YTD General Offering thru Feb 2021	\$42,224.00
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. Additionally, you can give anytime online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

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# worship guide

March 21, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 5:38-42. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

(Romans 8:32 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you hear “eye for an eye” what do you think of?
- What is the difference between justice and vengeance?
- Can anyone share a time where they were insulted or mocked for their faith in Jesus? How did it work out? How can we be ready?
- What possessions might you be holding on too tightly to?
- How can you “go the extra mile” in helping others?
- What other areas of sacrifice is God calling you to pay more attention to through this passage?
- Look again at Romans 8:32 - what other passages come to mind about how generous God has been with us?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 5:43-48.

## SING

10,000 Reasons | Living Hope |  
I Will Wait for You [Psalm 130] | How Deep the Father’s Love |  
In Christ Alone

# sermon notes

March 21, 2021

## MATTHEW 5:38-42

*Law Exposition #5: Eye for an Eye*

1. Lex Talionis? [5:38; Leviticus 24:17-22]

**God’s people pursue justice, not vengeance.**

2. Eyes, Cheeks, Miles, and Beggars. [5:39-42]

- **Disciples can endure insults. [v39; 1 Peter 2:23]**
- **Disciples hold possessions loosely. [v40; 1 Corinthians 6:7-8]**
- **Disciples go above and beyond. [v41; Romans 8:32]**
- **Disciples are generous. [42]**

**Big Idea: Disciples are called to sacrifice, not selfishness.**

**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**

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**Verse 1**

**How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night**

**Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Verse 2**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame**

**The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Chorus 1**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Chorus 2**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Verse 3**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise**

**Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

**Verse 3 Repeat**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory**

**Chorus 1**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Chorus 3**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Tag**

**Jesus Christ my living hope  
O God you are my living hope**

**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**



**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.**

**Verse 1**

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the  
Fiercest drought and storm**

**What heights of love  
What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
When strivings cease**

**My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**Verse 2**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save**

**Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**Verse 3**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again**

**And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**Verse 4**

**No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

**No power of hell no scheme of man  
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