

GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN | July 12, 2020

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Welcome and Exhortation

All Creatures of Our God and King

Reading: Psalm 62:5-8

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Requests: To help the Elders serve you well, please send us your prayer requests throughout the week by clicking [HERE](#).

Corporate Prayer: Beginning this coming week we're going to begin meeting again in person. We'd love for you to join us. If you would like to join us, but are unable to come in person, please let Pastor Mike or Pastor Dave know and we'll be happy to "Zoom you in".

Wyoming Farmers Market - Come out to the farmer's market Thursdays from 3-7pm in the Grace Church parking lot.

Opportunity to serve on Sunday's - Looking for a way to plug in and serve? We are looking for more greeters before service. Questions? Please contact Dan Ness

Church Directory - The directory was finished recently. It is our hope that having a directory will allow us to serve & pray for each other and connect more easily. A copy will be emailed to you and you can access it digitally or print it out. To add or make changes please contact Elizabeth Erickson (elizabethrudy@gmail.com).

As always, News & Notes contains everything you need to stay current with all that is happening at Grace Church. Please notify an elder if you, or someone you know would like to be added to our digital newsletter.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Leader) Insofar as you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins know that your sins have already been forgiven. *(All) Thanks be to God.*

(Leader) Know also that by the blood of Jesus you are welcomed into the presence of God as his beloved sons and daughters. *(All) Praise be to God.*

(Leader) Lift up your hearts. *(All) We lift them up to the Lord.*

WORSHIP SONG

All Creatures of our God and King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O Praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin;
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign;
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King;
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! O praise Him!
O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-3

[Leader] 5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

[All] 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.

WORSHIP SONGS

Perfect Lamb of God

Verse 1

The light of day was cloaked by night
And heaven closed its eyes
Wrath unspared for countless sins
The guiltless crucified
Hands of kindness driven through
Back on splintered beam
The holy curtain torn in two
Atonement made for me

Chorus

Hail the perfect Lamb of God
A kingly ransom paid
When You my Lord were slain
Love unrivaled here displayed
Calls my heart to praise
The perfect Lamb of God

Verse 2

Insults mock the Son of God
The angels are restrained
But all the cup must be endured
For sinners to be saved
Can grace prevail in such a day
Of scandal and of scorn
But with a cry forgive
You claim traitors as Your own

Verse 3

As You drew Your final breath
My debt was satisfied
And love divine in glorious might
Would vanquish death and rise

Show Us Christ

Verse 1

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Chorus

Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Verse 2

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Bridge

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life
(repeat)

SERMON TEXT Genesis 13

¹ So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. ² Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³ And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴ to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD. ⁵ And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, ⁶ so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, ⁷ and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

⁸ Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰ And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹ So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. ¹² Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ¹³ Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵ for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷ Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." ¹⁸ So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

SERMON OUTLINE Genesis 13

The Glory of Leaving Matters in God's Hands | David VanAcker

SITUATION UPDATE (1-7)

Back to the Beginning

Another Conflict

CONFLICT RESOLUTION (8-13)

Abram's Faithful Solution (8-9)

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3.

Things Aren't Always as they Seem (10-13)

God Is King and Judge Over the Whole World (13)

DIVINE APPROVAL (14-18)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this sermon/text is that a life of faith is wise and good for us, and it brings glory to God. In particular we see here the unique glory God gets when his people act in faith during conflict.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which is easier for you to see: 1) The folly of taking matters into your own hands, or 2) The glory of leaving matters in God's hands? Why do you think that is? How have you experienced each in your life?
3. Do you find comfort in the fact that Abram repeatedly took matters into his own hands and left them in God's?
4. What percent of the questions you'd like to know from God are answered in the Bible? What do you think it means that many of your questions aren't answered? What do you do when your questions aren't answered?
5. What is the greatest source of conflict in your life? How does conflict usually play out? What do you learn from the way Abram handled his conflict with Lot? Can you name one specific way your conflict would be different if you were to live by faith in a greater way?
6. How have you experienced the truthfulness of the statement, "Things aren't always as they seem"?
7. In what ways does this passage bring you hope?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

8. Do your best to identify one area in which you have taken matters into your own hands and make a specific plan to put it back in God's. Ask someone to pray for you in this and hold you accountable.
9. Choose one area of regular conflict in your life and figure out a way to engage it with a new faith in God's promises. Figure out how you can avoid it if possible, where you might be able to give up your "rights" or freedoms to preserve love and unity, and/or trust in God to be the ultimate arbiter.
10. Tell someone else of the judgment of God that rests upon all who do not believe. Help them to see the seriousness of their predicament and the glory of God's rescue plan.
11. Name one specific thing that you mean to do differently by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER POINTS

12. Confess any sins that God brings to mind concerning taking matters into your own hands, judging (like Lot) on sight, or engaging conflict in a faithless way. Thank Him for the forgiveness that is yours in Jesus.
13. Worship God for one specific aspect of His character that is revealed in this passage.
14. Ask God to make you a peacemaker, fill you with trust in His promises, and be a blessing to the world around you.
15. Pray for one specific person in your life to come to know Jesus. Pray for one other specific person to grow in their faith in Jesus.

WORSHIP SONGS

Yet Not I, But Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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!

Children of God

Verse 1

Praise to the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ
Our God and our King, to Him we will sing
In His great mercy, He has given us life
Now we can be called the children of God

Chorus

Great is the Love that the Father has given us
He has delivered us, He has delivered us

Children of God, sing your song and rejoice
For the love that He has given us all
Children of God, by the blood of His Son
We have been redeemed and we can be called
Children of God, Children of God

Verse 2

A mystery is revealed to the universe
The Father above has proven His love
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve
And so we are called the children of God

Bridge

We are the saints
We are the children
We've been redeemed
We've been forgiven
We are the sons and the daughters of our God

BENEDICTION

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."