

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



April 2, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!” Matthew 21:9 (NASB)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Promise #7 About the Gift of Salvation

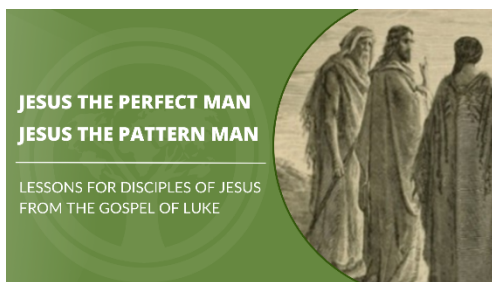
The Gift of Salvation provides purpose to life, hope for the future, and eternal life with God.

“...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10

“In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...”

I Peter 1:3-5



“Lost, Found, & Rejoicing”

Luke 15:1-32

Pastor Gary Barber

- Three Parables

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable. Luke 15:1-3 (NIV)

- The Lost Sheep

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?.... I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”
Luke 15:4, 7 (NIV)

- The Lost Coin

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”
Luke 15:8, 10 (NIV)

- The Lost Son

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.
Luke 15:11-13 (NIV)

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.’
Luke 15:17, 18 (NIV)

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.... But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’
Luke 15:20b, 22 (NIV)

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.
Luke 15:23 (NIV)

- The elder brother

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.... “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”
Luke 15:28, 31, 32 (NIV)

- Why was he so angry and frustrated?

“The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”
I Samuel 16:7b (NIV)

- ❖ Who are you in this story?

- The lost son
- The waiting father
- The frustrated brother
- The celebrating servants

IV. Passover and the Lord's Supper

Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.... Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.... Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.... This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. Exodus 12:3, 6, 7, 11 (NIV)

"For Christ [Messiah], our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.... 'Look, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" I Corinthians 5:7, John 1:29

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #7

"What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:6, 7 (CEB)

You can't outgive God. He always blesses generous givers.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you!" Malachi 3:10 (TLB)

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