

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



April 23, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

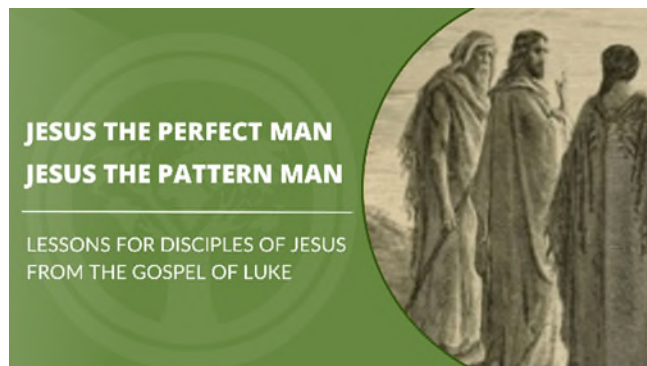
Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. John 11:25, 26a (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

The Oaks Priority #3

We are a prayer driven church. We emphasize seeking God and passionately praying for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:19, 20 (NKJV)



“Rich Man, Poor Man; Heaven and Hell”

Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Gary Barber

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ ²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”
Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)

❖ Heaven or Hell – the only destinations for every human being after life on earth.

- Heaven – God’s throne. God’s dwelling. Filled with His presence and His pleasures and His purposes.
- Hell – a place of isolation and punishment prepared for the devil and his angels. Devoid of God’s presence, filled with agony, emptiness, and regret.

The “Intermediate Heaven” and “Future Heaven” the “Intermediate Hell (Hades)” and “Future Hell” (the Lake of Fire).

People die once, and after that they are judged.

Hebrews 9:27 (GW)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16 (NIV)

❖ Prayer and reflection

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #2

We are managers not owners of the resources God entrusts to us.

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

Luke 16:11-12 (NIV)

3 Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes

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