



# 1 & 2 Samuel



THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING



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## **WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP: "PSALM 100"**

- 1** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
- 2** Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3** Know that the Lord, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5** For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL (PSALM 100)"**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the LORD is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,

For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The LORD our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

## **WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN**

### **HYMN OF CONFESSION: "BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD (PSALM 51)"**

Be merciful to me, O God,  
According to Your love.  
With water blot out all my sins  
And cleanse me from above.

For I must daily face my sins,  
They lie before Your sight.  
So You are blameless when You judge,  
Your words are true and right.

In sin my mother gave me life;  
In darkness I was made.  
My hidden parts You will teach truth,  
With wisdom them persuade.

Create in me a heart renewed,  
My spirit steadfast make.  
O cast me not away from You,  
Your presence do not take.

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Most merciful Father, we humbly confess our sins and acknowledge our transgressions against Your holy commandments.

**We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We have turned aside from Your statutes and followed our own ways, seeking the fleeting pleasures of this world rather than the eternal joy found in obedience to Your Word.

**Forgive us, O Lord, for our disobedience and neglect. Renew within us a steadfast spirit and cleanse us by Your Holy Spirit.**

Empower us to walk in Your laws and delight in Your commandments, that we may live lives that glorify Your name and reflect Your holiness. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER**

### **HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS"**

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full, the pardon he has offered  
Great, the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed!  
Death was once my great opponent

Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
YES He Rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen!  
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory  
To my Savior and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that Cross  
It was finished upon that Cross

### **5-MINUTE BREAK**

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another.

### **SCRIPTURE READING: "1 SAMUEL 18:1-5 & 1 SAMUEL 20:12-17"**

**18:1** As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. **2** And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. **3** Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. **4** And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. **5** And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

**20:12** And Jonathan said to David, "The Lord, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well disposed toward David, shall I not then send and disclose it to you? **13** But should it please my father to do you harm, the Lord do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the Lord be with you, as he has been with my father. **14** If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the Lord, that I may not die; **15** and do not cut off

your steadfast love from my house forever, when the Lord cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” <sup>16</sup> And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord take vengeance on David's enemies.” <sup>17</sup> And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

## **SERMON: “ARE YOU FOLLOWING GOD’S PURPOSES OR FIGHTING GOD’S PURPOSES?”**

### **DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 18, 19, AND 20 (PGS. 94-110 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)**

**Main point:** Don’t **fight against** the Lord’s purposes – **follow** the Lord’s purposes!

A review of the Lord’s purposes (regarding David and Saul)

- 1 Sam. 13:14, “But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”
- 1 Sam. 15:28, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.”

Application of this passage:

- Fighting the Lord’s purposes is a losing strategy
- Are you fighting the Lord’s purposes, or following the Lord’s purposes?
  - Values system? Worldview?
  - The actions you take and the desires you chase?
  - View of the future?
  - Other?

Implication of this passage:

- Jesus is the better King!
- He is the better Jonathan who initiates a better covenant with us.
- Cross-references: Matt. 6:33, Rom. 8:38-39, 2 Tim. 2:13, etc.

**Notes:**

## WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

### HYMN OF RESPONSE: "HOW SWEET AND AWFUL IS THE PLACE"

How sweet and awful is the place  
With Christ within the door  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice  
And enter while there's room  
When thousands make a wretched choice  
And rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in.  
Else we had still refused to taste,  
And perished in our sin.

We long to see Thy churches full  
That all the chosen race  
May with one voice and heart and soul  
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

### HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "BE THOU MY VISION"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night.  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, thou my true word.  
I ever with thee, and thou with me Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son.  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.  
Thou my inheritance now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart.  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won.  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## WAYS TO GIVE

- **Mail in Check:** Checks (or electronic checks) can be made payable to “Autumn Ridge Community Church” and mailed/sent to ARCC at 208 Victory Circle, STE 300, Ellijay, GA 30540 or placed in the wooden giving receptacles on the round tables upon entering the room. The memo should include how to designate the funds: “General Giving”, “Member Care Benevolence”, etc...
- **Debit or Credit Card:** Recurring gifts may also be set up and made by credit or debit card. You'll simply visit our giving portal at [www.autumnridgecommunitychurch.com](http://www.autumnridgecommunitychurch.com), in the upper right hand corner click “give” and plug in your information in there. In the *Give To* section you can designate our giving for “General Giving”.
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## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE**

Grab a Missions Memo to keep up with other dates/opportunities to be involved

**TODAY** - Members Business Meeting

**June 14** - Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

**July 12** - Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

**August 9** - Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

**Members' Business Meeting Today:**

We ask for all covenant members of Autumn Ridge Community Church to attend a brief members' business meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, June 7th. If you have questions, comments, or agenda line items to consider, please contact Davis Lacey ([davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com](mailto:davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com)).

### **Second Sundays: Transformation Groups**

On **Second Sundays** this Summer, we invite you to stay for lunch after worship and participate in orientations for The Seeing Jesus Together Journal, which we utilize in our church's Transformation Groups. In addition to being trained on the applications of the Seeing Jesus Together Journal for both group life and for personal devotional rhythms, you'll get the opportunity to fellowship with fellow members and attenders of Autumn Ridge Community Church.

Transformation Groups will launch in August/September. We ask that anyone who wishes to participate in a Transformation Group participate in one of these Second Sundays: June 14, July 12, or August 9. Register with the QR code below.

