



1 & 2 Samuel

THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING

PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: "JOHN 7:37-38"

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "HE IS OUR GOD"

Who can light the fires, Of a thousand burning suns
Blazing in the heavens? There is only one, He is our God

Who commands the nations, Building up and tearing down
Silencing His rivals? There is only one, He is our God, He is our God

Chorus

Holy, You alone are holy, Matchless in Your glory, holy God

Who would come to save us, When we turned away His love
Conquer us with kindness? There is only one, He is our God, He is our God

Chorus 2

Holy, You alone are holy, Matchless in Your glory, no one is like You
Worthy, You alone are worthy, We adore You only, holy God

Now to the King on the throne, Who was and is to come
And to the Lamb Who was slain be glory – **Chorus 2**

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION: “COME THOU FOUNT”

Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never-ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it. Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come.
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it! Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord: Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Lord, too often we forget your goodness. We forget that there are streams of mercy never ceasing. We forget that we are accepted, known, held and loved. Please tune our hearts to remember your grace.

Lord, we are prone to wander. We often live with hearts that are fearful, discontent, ashamed, and far from you. Forgive us, and restore our hearts to a place of gratitude for Your love.

While we were still sinners, you died for us, and rose from the grave, so that we could experience mercy and belonging. Help us to remember these things. Teach us to abide in you. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God

5-MINUTE BREAK

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

SCRIPTURE READING: "1 SAMUEL 26:13-25"

13 Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. **14** And David called to the army, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered, "Who are you who calls to the king?" **15** And David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy the king your lord. **16** This thing that you have done is not good. As the Lord lives, you deserve to die, because you have not kept watch over your lord, the Lord's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is and the jar of water that was at his head."

17 Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." **18** And he said, "Why does my lord pursue after his servant? For what have I done? What evil is on my hands? **19** Now therefore let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is the Lord who has stirred you up against me, may he accept an offering, but if it is men, may they be cursed before the Lord, for they have driven me out this day that I should have no share in the heritage of the Lord, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.' **20** Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the Lord, for the king of Israel has come out to seek a single flea like one who hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and have made a great mistake." **22** And David answered and said, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. **23** The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed. **24** Behold, as your life was precious this day in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord, and may he deliver me out of all tribulation." **25** Then Saul said to David, "Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

SERMON: "THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S JUDGMENT"

DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 26 (PGS. 134-140 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

1 Samuel 24 and 1 Samuel 26 seem to be "The same old story – same old song and dance." Why are both chapters included in the Bible?

- 1 Samuel 24 emphasizes God's judgment as the **DEFENSE** of his people
- 1 Samuel 26 emphasizes God's judgments as the **DEFEAT** of his enemies

Main point: trust in God's judgment fuels obedience to God's Word.

- Trust in God's judgment made David **humble**
 - Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life."
 - 1 Samuel 15:22: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."
- Trust in God's judgement made David **imprecatory**
- Trust in God's judgement made David **direct**
- Trust in God's judgment made David **prayerful**

Applications:

- Be humble (cf. Hebrews 12:6-11)
- Be imprecatory
- Be direct
- Be prayerful
- Be gospel-centered

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "JESUS STRONG AND KIND"

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him - **Chorus**

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me - **Chorus**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT"

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

Chorus

It is done it is finished, No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient, Merit now my own

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host
Dressed in my Lord Jesus a crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine – **Chorus**

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross – **Chorus**

Merit now my own, Merit now my own

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Cash:** place cash securely into one of the offering boxes at the back of the room. If you would like a record of your contribution, please be sure to place the cash into one of our offering envelopes and fill out the appropriate contact information.
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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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

August 9 - Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

September 9 - Generations of Grace

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 August 9. Register with the QR code below.



