



1 & 2 Samuel

THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: "PSALM 127"

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. 2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. 3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

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!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION: "ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell bound race, indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

Chorus

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ, Hallelujah, Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You - **Chorus**

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Matthew 28:18-20 **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Romans 6:3-4 **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ

was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Titus 3:4-7 **4** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **5** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ, Hallelujah, Jesus is my life

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: “2 SAMUEL 3:6-11”

6 While there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul. **7** Now Saul had a concubine whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And Ish-bosheth said to Abner, “Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?” **8** Then Abner was very angry over the words of Ish-bosheth and said, “Am I a dog's head of Judah? To this day I keep showing steadfast love to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not given you into the hand of David. And yet you charge me today with a fault concerning a woman. **9** God do so to Abner and more also, if I do not accomplish for David what the Lord has sworn to him, **10** to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba.” **11** And Ish-bosheth could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him.

SERMON: “TAKE THE LONG VIEW, NOT THE LONG WAY”

DAVIS LACEY - 2 SAMUEL 2:8 – 4:12 (PGS. 164-178 IN THE PEW AND WORSHIP BIBLE)

Main point: when it comes to God’s Kingdom, take the **long view** (not the **long way**).

Applications:

- You’ll never find in sin what you go into sin to find.
- We undercut God’s Word because we equate God’s (perceived) slowness with a lack of faithfulness on His part.
- The more we trust God’s faithfulness – the more we take a “long view” of the Kingdom – the more faith we will have to wait on him, instead of taking “short cuts.”
- The Gospel assures us of God’s faithfulness...
 - Because Jesus, the Better David, prepares a feast for us (His enemies).
 - He shed His blood and gave His life to spare the lives of His enemies (us).

For further reflection and discussion:

- Where is it most difficult to trust God's faithfulness and take a "long view" of the Kingdom?
- Where are you taking "shortcuts" by disobeying God's Word?
- Who do you know who is following the paths of Abner, Joab, Rechab, and Baanah by seeking their welfare apart from God's Word, not in it?
 - Pray for them to see the truth of this passage
 - Pray for opportunities to be the messenger God uses to communicate His truth to them!

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN"

My worth is not in what I own, Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love, at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, at the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die, Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us, at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross - **Chorus**

Two wonders here that I confess, My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid, at the cross - **Chorus**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY"

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when he comes

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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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

August 23 - Youth Transformation Groups

September 9 - Generations of Grace

Youth Transformation Groups - August 23

Starting on **Sunday, August 23**, students in 6th - 12th grade are invited to participate in gender-specific Transformation Groups! Adult leaders will be on site (upstairs at the Victory Christian Center) at 8:45a, and the **youth Transformation Groups will begin at 9a**. For more information, please email Damon or Samantha Gabriel (damon@artfulellijay.com, samantha@artfulellijay.com).

Ridge Kids is Growing & We Need You!

Ridge Kids is growing and we need 14 more teachers to reach our goal of 37, each serving just one Sunday a month. Curriculum is provided. Contact Leigh Colburn at 770-883-9001 or colburn65@gmail.com.

