



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: "PSALM 72:18-19"

18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

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**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Father, We confess that we were lost in sin, chasing things that promised life but only led us further from You. We have trusted ourselves more than Christ and failed to live in joyful obedience to Your will.

Thank You for Your mercy toward us. While we were helpless, You led us to the cross, where Jesus suffered in our place and bore the wrath we deserved. Thank You that now all we know is grace.

Lord, let us be Yours alone. Give us strength to follow You faithfully, and use our lives for Your glory. Let our hearts know and believe that all we have is Christ, and that Jesus is our life. 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 15:1-3"

And Samuel said to Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the Lord. **2** Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. **3** Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."

SERMON: "THE ETHIC-CLEANSING GOD"

DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 15 (PGS. 72-78 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

The Lord's work is not about ETHNIC cleansing, but about ETHIC cleansing.

His ethic cleansing is PATIENT

- Exodus 17:8-26
- Deuteronomy 25:17-19: *"Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, ¹⁸ how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God. ¹⁹ Therefore when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget."*
- 1 Kings 6:1
- 2 Peter 3:9: *"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."*
- Exodus 34:6-7: *"The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands,^[a] forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."*

His ethic cleansing is PERFECT

- Perfect in its PROTECTIONS
- Perfect in its PURVIEW (i.e. scope)
 - 1 Sam. 15:6
 - 1 Sam. 15:7-35

His ethic cleansing is a PARADOX

- 1 Samuel 15:29: *And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.*
- 1 Samuel 15:11: *I regret that I have made Saul King, for he has turned my back from following me and has not performed my commandments.*

- 1 Samuel 15:35: *And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.*
- Hebrew word נָחַם (NACHAM)

My brethren, though God is just, yet his mercy in some respect may be said to be more natural to him than all acts of justice itself that God does show, I mean vindictive justice. In these acts of justice there is a satisfaction to an attribute, in that he meets and is even with sinners. Yet there is a kind of violence done to himself in it, the Scripture so express it; there is something in it that is contrary to him. "I desire not the death of a sinner" – that is, I delight not simply in it, for pleasure's sake... When he exercises an act of justice, it is for a higher end, it is not simply for the thing itself. There is always something in his heart against it. But when he comes to show mercy, to manifest that it is his nature and disposition, it is said that he does so with his whole heart. There is nothing at all in him that is against it. The act itself pleases him for itself. There is no reluctance in him. Therefore in Lamentations 3:33, when he speaks of punishing, he says, "He does not from his heart afflict nor grieve the children of men." But when he comes to speak of showing mercy, he says he does it "with his whole heart, and with his whole soul," as the expression is in Jeremiah 32:41. And therefore acts of justice are called his "strange work" and his "strange act" in Isaiah 28:21. But when he comes to show mercy, he rejoices over them, to do them good, with his whole heart and with his whole soul.

Thomas Goodwin, quoted in *Gentle and Lowly*

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "HE WILL BE"

God is faithful to His word, Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass, His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Chorus 1

Faithful He has been faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word returns complete
To His truth I cling when the night is deep
Faithful He has been faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt, He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander, Through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Chorus 2

Gracious He has been gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song, Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves He has redeemed

Chorus 3

Worthy He has been worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been worthy He will be

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He is my provider covenant protector
All my hope is in the Lord my God
He is my sustainer merciful redeemer
All my hope is in the Lord my God

Worthy He has been worthy He will be - **Chorus 3**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "IS HE WORTHY"

Do you feel the world is broken (we do),
Do you feel the shadows deepen (we do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
The light from getting through (we do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new (we do)

Is all creation groaning (it is), is a new creation coming (it is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst (it is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this (it is)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this, He is

Does the Father truly love us (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us (He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us (He does)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb, who died to ransom the slave

From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy, is He worthy is He worthy of this

He is, is He worthy, is He worthy, He is

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Sunday Mornings (8:45a)

Scott and Jeannie Miller (jeanniem165@gmail.com | 678.320.8310)

Doug and Leigh Colburn (770.364.5325) and Janice and Randy Durden (706.273.9147)

Bryan and Shannon Thomas (StPatrick1330@yahoo.com | Bryan: 808-342-4288 | Shannon: 808-342-4287)

Sunday Afternoons (1-2:30p at the Kiscunas')

Pete & Maria Kiscunas (Pete: 678-480-6096 | mkiscunas5@gmail.com - Maria: 678-524-0424) and Pete Westrick (731-607-6962 | pjw629@icloud.com)

Wednesday Evenings (5:30p)

Damon and Samantha Gabriel (404-408-0673 | samantha@artfulellijay.com)

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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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

June 7 - Members Business Meeting

Members' Business Meeting on June 7th:

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).

