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SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



JOSHUA
Fighting to Believe God's Promise

welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

calendar

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - 7pm at church - Resuming Sept 14th
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- Member Meeting - TONIGHT, 6pm
- MidWeek Study - Starting Wednesday, Sept 16th - Bible Overview
- Ladies Bible Study - Starting week of Sept 22nd

finances

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| General Offering - Aug '20 | \$25,186.65 |
| Designated Gifts - Aug '20 | \$568.25 |
| YTD General Offering thru Aug '20 | \$174,234.90 |
| 2020 Budget | \$322,562.00 |

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worship guide

September 6, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Joshua 11-12. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.”

[Hebrews 4:8-11 ESV]

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is a legacy? What sorts of legacies do people leave?
- What is the relation between obedience and fear? Where are you tempted to not obey out of fear?
- How can we leave a strong legacy of faith and obedience?
- What battles has God ordained in your life?
- What are common battlegrounds for believers? [Resist the urge to think merely political battles, think more spiritual growth...]
- Think about our heavenly rest - how do we get there? What is our part verses God’s part?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Joshua 13

SING

Behold Our God | Yet Not I But Christ Through Me | He Will Hold Me
Fast | Jesus, Thank You | Death Was Arrested

sermon notes

September 6, 2020

JOSHUA 11-12

Battles and Rest

1. Northern Conquest [11:1-15; Deuteronomy 20:1; Psalm 20:7; Genesis 15:14-16; Leviticus 18:24-25; Exodus 23:23; Numbers 21:3]

Obedience is a legacy of faith over fear.

2. Making Peace [11:16-20; Exodus 7-11]

God sometimes ordains a battle.

3. Incredible Hulks and Lists of Kings [11:21-12:22; Numbers 13:33; Hebrews 4:8-11]

Big Idea: Faithful obedience in the battle brings rest.

Verse 1

**Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice.**

Chorus 1

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.**

Verse 2

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?**

**Who can teach the One
Who knows all things?
Who can fathom
All His wondrous deeds?**

Chorus 1

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.**

Verse 3

**Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!**

Chorus 1

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!**

Bridge

**You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)**

Chorus 1

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.**

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.**

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Verse 1

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Verse 2

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed**

**To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Verse 3

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Verse 4

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Ending

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
when He comes at last

Chorus

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Verse 1

**The myst'ry of the cross
I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary**

**You the perfect Holy One
Crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup
Reserved for me**

Chorus 1

**Your blood has
Washed away my sin
Jesus thank You**

**The Father's wrath
Completely satisfied
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy
Now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You**

Verse 2

**By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy You've
Made Your friend**

**Pouring out the riches
Of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and
Your kindness know no end**

Chorus 1

**Your blood has
Washed away my sin
Jesus thank You**

The Father's wrath

Completely satisfied

Jesus thank You

Once Your enemy

Now seated at Your table

Jesus thank You

Bridge

Lover of my soul

I want to live for You

Chorus 1

Your blood has

Washed away my sin

Jesus thank You

The Father's wrath

Completely satisfied

Jesus thank You

Once Your enemy

Now seated at Your table

Jesus thank You

Your blood has

Washed away my sin

Jesus thank You

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Completely satisfied

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Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love Made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with You

It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with You

It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with You

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

**Oh, Your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with You**

**It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with You**

**We're free, free
Forever we're free
Come join the song
Of all the redeemed**

**Yes, we're free free
Forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh, we're free, free
Forever we're free
Come join the song
Of all the redeemed**

**Yes, we're free free, forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began
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