

# leadership

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February 28, 2021

# MATTHEW

*Truly I Say To You*



# 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 - every Monday 7pm at church
- MidWeek Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- **Please return your Baby Bottles! Thank you!**
- Voice Of the Martyrs Virtual Event - Friday, March 5th 6:30pm
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, March 7th 6pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, March 21st 6pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, April 11th 6pm

## finances

General Offering - Jan '21	\$22,698.68
Designated Gifts - Jan '21	\$340.50
YTD General Offering thru Jan '21	\$22,698.68
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

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# worship guide

February 28, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 5:27-30. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

(1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How would you summarize the cultural attitude towards sex? Especially before and/or outside of a marriage?
- What is Scriptures attitude towards sex? What passages can you find to inform a Christian worldview on it? [Ex. See 1 Corinthians 6:18...others?]
- What radical actions have you taken [or testify to others taking] to protect their sexual purity? What about radical actions in fighting sin in general?
- How does the hope of the gospel transcend sexual brokenness? [See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 2, 4; Titus 3:3-7]
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 5:31-32.

## SING

Holy Is Our God | 10,000 Reasons | Jesus Messiah | How Great is Our God | Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

# sermon notes

February 28, 2021

## MATTHEW 5:27-30

*Law Exposition #2: Adultery and Lust*

1. You Have Heard It Said... [5:27-28; Exodus 20:14; 1 Corinthians 6:18]

**Intent matters for sexual purity.**

2. Mutilation or Mortification? [5:29-30; 18:7-9]

**Sexual purity requires radical action.**

**Big Idea: Jesus purifies the impure.**

**Verse 1**

**The death for which all sin demands  
The sinless died for guilty man  
And though we give our hearts to less  
He is our righteousness**

**Verse 2**

**The Christ who took the sinner's place  
Sings the symphony of grace  
While Satan's lies of guilt abound  
The Savior's love resounds**

**Chorus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God  
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb  
All my heart, all my soul  
All my life is Yours alone , Holy is our God**

**Verse 3**

**From heaven's throne above I hear  
The voice that silences all fear  
It's a declaration of a King  
Says "You are mine and you are free"  
Yes, we are Yours and we are free!**

**Chorus**

**Verse 4**

**He will return just as He said  
The day the graves give up their dead  
And I will bow face to the ground  
And sing the sweetest sound**

**Chorus**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Verse 1**

**The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass and  
Whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Verse 2**

**You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul**

**O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**Verse 3**

**And on that day when**

**My strength is failing**

**The end draws near**

**And my time has come**

**Still my soul will sing**

**Your praise unending**

**Ten thousand years**

**And then forevermore**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul**

**O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul**

**O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**Verse 1**

**He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become  
His righteousness**

**He humbled Himself  
And carried the cross  
Love so amazing  
Love so amazing**

**Chorus 1**

**Jesus Messiah  
Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel**

**The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

**Verse 2**

**His body the bread  
His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out  
All for love**

**The whole earth trembled  
And the veil was torn  
Love so amazing  
Love so amazing**

**Chorus 1**

**Jesus Messiah  
Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel**

**The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

**Bridge**

**All our hope is in You**

**All our hope is in You**

**All the glory to You God**

**The Light of the world**

**Chorus 1**

**Jesus Messiah**

**Name above all names**

**Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel**

**The Rescue for sinners**

**The Ransom from heaven**

**Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

**Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

**The Lord of all**

**The Lord of all**



**Verse 1**

**The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice**

**He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice**

**Chorus 1**

**How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God**

**Verse 2**

**And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End**

**The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb**

**Chorus 1**

**How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God**

**Bridge**

**Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise**

**My heart will sing  
How great is our God**

**Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God**

**Chorus 1  
How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God**

**Then sings my soul,  
my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art**

**Then sing my soul,  
my Savior god to Thee,  
How Great Thou art,  
How Great Thou art.**

**Verse 1**

**One day when heaven  
Was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was  
As black as could be**

**Jesus came forth to  
Be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men  
My example is He**

**The Word became flesh  
And the light shined among us  
His glory revealed**

**Chorus 1**

**Living He loved me  
Dying He saved me  
Buried He carried  
My sins far away**

**Rising He justified  
Freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day**

**Verse 2**

**One day they led Him  
Up Calv'ry's mountain  
One day they nailed Him  
To die on a tree**

**Suffering anguish  
Despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my  
Redeemer is He**

**The hand that healed nations**

**Stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me**

**Chorus 1**

**Living He loved me  
Dying He saved me  
Buried He carried  
My sins far away**

**Rising He justified  
Freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day**

**Verse 3**

**One day the grave could  
Conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled  
Away from the door**

**Then He arose over  
Death He had conquered  
Now is ascended  
My Lord evermore**

**Death could not hold Him  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again**

**Chorus 1**

**Living He loved me  
Dying He saved me  
Buried He carried  
My sins far away**

**Rising He justified  
Freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day  
O glorious day**

**Bridge**

**One day the trumpet will  
Sound for His coming  
One day the skies with  
His glories will shine**

**Wonderful day my  
Beloved one bringing  
My Savior Jesus is mine**

**Chorus 1**

**Living He loved me  
Dying He saved me  
Buried He carried  
My sins far away**

**Rising He justified  
Freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day**

**Ending**

**O glorious day glorious day  
O glorious day**