

Lord's Day Worship
Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

***Psalm 19B**

The LORD's most perfect law
Will make the soul revive
The LORD's firm witness makes
The simple minded wise.
The Precepts of the LORD are right
And fill the heart with great delight.

The LORD's command is pure,
Enlightening eyes to see
Fear of the LORD is clean
And lasts eternally
The judgments of the LORD express
His truth and perfect righteousness.

They're more to be desired
Than stores of finest gold;
Than honey from the comb
More sweetness far they hold.
With warnings they Your servant guard;
In keeping them is great reward

***Prayer of Invocation**

We ask God's presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.

Recount the Wonders of His Mercy

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:15; Matthew 6:19-21

You shall not steal.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Blessed LORD Jesus,

Help us to give up every precious lust on which we squander our longings. We have treasured many objects above our Savior and have carefully nurtured storehouses of idols that demand our worship. Forgive us for accumulating riches and finding our salvation, joy, and identity in them. When you give us good gifts, we are prone to love them too much and to cling to them, instead of thanking you for them and clinging to you. We rejoice too much in the wealth you send, and we despair too much when you take it away. Father, forgive us.

Teach us to delight instead in all the spiritual riches you have lavished on us so extravagantly in Christ: the wealth of his righteousness given to us; the riches of his grace and kindness poured out on us; the generous inheritance he has earned for us by his perfect obedience and death. Remind us often of who we are in Christ, as we walk through a world of temptation that dazzles and beckons us, and as we wrestle with sinful hearts full of desires and over-desires. Draw our hearts and minds to the cross daily so we will understand how we have been cherished, and captivate our minds and souls with this great love.

Gracious Redeemer, we have neglected you often and crucified you afresh by our repeated sin. Yet you set your love on us before the creation of the world and treasured us as the reward of all your obedience and suffering. Melt our hearts daily with gratitude for such a love. We thank you for your patience that has borne

with us so long, and for the grace that makes us willing to be yours. We ask for more grace for obedience, so that we desire what you desire and do what you want us to do. Unite us to yourself with inseparable bonds, so that nothing may ever draw us back from you. Keep us safe until that day when we will see what no eye has seen, will hear what no ear has heard, and will know what no human mind has ever conceived—all the glorious things you have prepared for us in heaven. Thank you, LORD Jesus! Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mark 10:29-30

Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

***From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)**

From the depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before thee? (Who shall stand before thee?)
O who shall stand before thee? (Who shall stand before thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, and til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israels seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:19-29

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Sermon

What is the Law Good for Then? - Three Uses of the Law

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Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Galatians 3:19-29, the Apostle Paul teaches the Galatian Christians that God's Law is not useless or evil as He gave it to expose, drive, and guide sinners.

I. The First Use of the Law: It _____ Us (vv.19-20).

II. The Second Use of the Law: It _____ Us (vv.21-24).

III. The Third Use of the Law: It _____ Us (vv.25-29).

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Q 115. Dear Christians, if in this life no one can keep the ten commandments perfectly, why does God have them preached so strictly?

A. First,

so that throughout our life
we may more and more become aware of
our sinful nature,
and therefore seek more eagerly
the forgiveness of sins and righteousness in Christ.

Second,

so that, while praying to God
for the grace of the Holy Spirit,
we may never stop striving
to be renewed more and more
after God's image,
until after this life we reach
the goal of perfection.

(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of the next song.)

***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.
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.
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose;
And let my song forever be my only boast is you. *Refrain*

Receive the Gifts of His Grace

The Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
*So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
*So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
*So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
*As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.
*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *Chorus*

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!” *Chorus*

The Father hears him pray, his dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of his Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood, the Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God. *Chorus*

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. *Chorus*

***Benediction**

***Gospel Doxology**

Your perfect Law exposes me; I feel my sin and desperate need.
My best good works are powerless to satisfy your righteousness.

But there is One who lived for me; his life, my only victory,
His death forever sealed in time that I am his and he is mine.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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