

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – May 5th, 2024 – 10:15am

Faithfulness

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- Deacon Care Groups today
- Scripture Focus: Continuing in our study through the letters to the 7 Churches, today we will examine the letter to the Church in Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29).
- Service Focus: In heeding both the commendation and confrontation to the church at Thyatira, we focus today on both Faithfulness of God and Faithfulness to God.

Prayer: Praise for the Father, Son and Spirit's work in salvation. [Pastor Bernie]

FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Congregational Song: Wonderful Merciful Savior [Sing 1, 2, chorus, 3, chorus]

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Congregational Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness [Sing 4 stanzas]

Lamentations 3:22-24

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,^{tb}

his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

Great is Thy faithfulness
Oh God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

- Consider the negative example of Ahab

I Kings 16:29-33 [Pastor Steve]

29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. 31 And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

I Kings 21:17-26 [Pastor Steve]

17 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 “Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. 19 And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Have you killed and also taken possession?”’ And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: “In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.”’”

20 Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord. 21 Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. 22 And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the anger to which you have provoked me, and because you have made Israel to sin. 23 And of Jezebel the Lord also said, ‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the walls of Jezreel.’ 24 Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat.”

Psalm 1 [Pastor Steve]

- Consider the positive example of the description in Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

1 Blessed is the man^[a]

*who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

*2 but his delight is in the law^[b] of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

3 He is like a tree

*planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.*

In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ *Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*
⁶ *for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Congregational Song: O Great God [Sing all 3 stanzas]

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

Congregational Song: [Sing both stanzas]

Children 3-K5 Dismissed to back

Message: Revelation 2:18-29 [Pastor Steve]

To the Church in Thyatira

¹⁸ *“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.’¹⁹ ‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.’²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that*

woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule^{cl} them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Congregational Response: As the Deer [sing both stanzas]

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend
And You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Announcements: [Pastor Bernie]

- Summer Home fellowships
- Deacon Care Groups today
- Baccalaureate – May 19th at 6:00pm