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☞ **Prelude**

☞ **Invocation:** In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

† **真是快樂日 What a Joyful Day**

♪ What a joyful day I sing praises to Him every day
What a joyful day living for my Lord
♪ What a joyful day everything becomes better
To live with His promise I lean on day and night

† **讚歌不停 Keep Singing Praises**

♪ Come on everybody,
come praise our Heavenly Father
worship Him with joy, He is merciful for ever
♪ Come on raise your hands to worship
the glorious Lord
Shout to the Lord with all your love and strength
Come on open your heart to His everlasting love
Let everybody know He is God
♪ Open your heart, raise your hands,
shout with joy to the greatest Lord

† **主祢是我力量 You are My Strength**

♪ You are my life, You are my song
You're my salvation, when all my hope is gone
As the mountains surround Jerusalem
Your presence surrounds me the same
You are my strength, oh Lord, You are my shield,
my song
My solid rock, on You I stand, I trust in You

You are my strength, oh Lord, You are my hiding place
You are my hope I trust in You

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 119**

169 Lord, listen to my cry for help.
Make me wise, as you promised.
170 Listen to my prayer.
Save me, as you promised.
171 I will burst into songs of praise,
because you have taught me your laws.
172 Let my voice sing about your word,
because all your commands are good.
173 I have chosen to follow your instructions,
so reach out and help me!
174 Lord, I want you to save me.
Your teachings make me happy.
175 Let me live to praise you.
Let me find the help I need in your laws.
176 I have wandered away like a lost sheep.
Come and find me. I am your servant,
and I have not forgotten your commands.

☞ **Praise**

† 諸天讚美

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

♪ Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him
praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him
praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he hath made.
♪ Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his Name.
♪ Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in Heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

☞ **Special Music**

† **信心希望的頌歌 Hymns of Hope, Songs of Faith**

♪ O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!
♪ Under the shadow of Thy throne,
still may we dwell secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone;

and our defense is sure

- ♪ God of the ancient and God of the new,
give us a passion for what we must do.
Grant us a purpose for this time and place.
Show us horizons that are golden with grace.
- ♪ God of the ages, revive us today.
Give us a vision, and guide us, we pray.
Guide us, direct us with Your mighty hand;
Growing in faith, till we reach promised land.
- ♪ Guide us, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrims through this barren land.
We are weak, but Thou art mighty.
Hold us with Thy powerful hand.
(Bread of heaven *2)
(feed us till we want no more*2)
- ♪ Lead on, O King eternal. We follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning where ever
Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted over us.
We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest.
Lead on, O God of might.
- ♪ O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home! Our one eternal home!

🔗Scripture Reading:

Matthew 24:42

"So always be ready. You don't know the day your Lord will come."

2 Peter 1:5-6, 10-11

[5] Because you have these blessings, do all you can to add to your life these things: to your faith, add goodness; to your goodness, add knowledge;

[6] to your knowledge, add self-control; to your self-control, add patience; to your patience, add devotion to God.

[10] So brothers and sisters, try even harder to make God's calling and choosing of you secure. If you do these things, you will never fall.

[11] And you will be given a very great welcome into the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a kingdom that never ends.

Sermon: Alertness (Part 6) – Godliness

– Pastor Tung

I. Godliness is: Fear of God, Love for others, Holiness, and Honesty!

Cornelius: Godliness is fearing God, loving others, and praying to God regularly!

Acts 10:2

He was a religious man who worshiped God. He was always doing what was right and helping the poor. He always prayed to God.

Hezekiah: Godliness is seeking God with reverence, obeying His word, purifying oneself from all impurities, and pursuing holiness!

2 Chronicles 32:1

After Hezekiah had faithfully done everything the Lord commanded, King Sennacherib of Assyria came to attack the country of Judah. Sennacherib and his army camped outside the fortresses. He did this so that he could make plans to defeat these towns. Sennacherib wanted to win them for himself.

2 Chronicles 31:21

He had success in every work he began—the service of God's Temple and in obeying the law and commands, and in following his God. Hezekiah did all these things with all his heart.

New Testament:

"Godliness" (thres'kos) - honesty, kindness, controlling one's tongue, refraining from evil speech!

James 1:26

You might think you are a very religious person. But if your tongue is out of control, you are fooling yourself. Your careless talk makes your offerings to God worthless.

"Godliness" (threskei'a) - a heart of compassion and mercy combined with a heart dedicated to holiness!

James 1:27

The worship that God wants is this: caring for orphans or widows who need help and keeping yourself free from the world's evil influence. This is the kind of worship that God accepts as pure and good.

Old Testament: "Godly" (chaciyd') - repenting and confessing sins to God immediately

Psalms 32:6

That is why your loyal followers pray to you while there is still time. Then when trouble rises like a flood, it will not reach them.

In summary, godliness includes fearing God and loving others.

Godliness means having a heart that highly reveres God, seeking God in everything, obeying God in everything, loving others abundantly, and living a life of holiness and honesty (speaking good words and confessing sins when guilty).

A godly person is one who combines utmost reverence for God, utmost love for others, utmost holiness, and utmost honesty.

II. The key to godliness is knowing Jesus

2 Peter 1:3-4, 8

3 Jesus has the power of God. And his power has given us everything we need to live a life devoted to God. We have these things because we know him.

Jesus chose us by his glory and goodness, **4** through which he also gave us the very great and rich gifts that he promised us. With these gifts you can share in being like God. And so you will escape the

ruin that comes to people in the world because of the evil things they want.

8 If all these things are in you and growing, you will never fail to be useful to God. You will produce the kind of fruit that should come from your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For those who have not yet believed in Jesus, knowing Him is necessary to believe that He is God and to receive the life and godliness that God gives.

For those who have already believed in Jesus, knowing Him is essential to "know and live out life and godliness" more deeply!

III. The key to knowing Jesus is humility and diligence

Matthew 5:3

Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God's kingdom belongs to them.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And our faces are not covered. We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him. This change in us brings more and more glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

1 Timothy 4:8

Training your body helps you in some ways. But devotion to God helps you in every way. It brings you blessings in this life and in the future life too.

The key to knowing Jesus is to humbly learn the truth! (Matthew 5:3, 2 Corinthians 3:18)

To know Jesus more deeply, the key is diligent practice of spiritual disciplines (2 Peter 1:5-10)

Some may ask: What happens if we are lazy and bear no fruit? What if we lack godliness? What if we lack faith...?

The eternal consequence is extremely tragic –

2 Peter 1:9

But those who don't grow in these blessings are blind. They cannot see clearly what they have. They have forgotten that they were cleansed from their past sins.

People are usually blind, only seeing what is near, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their sins.

By practicing godliness, we can know Jesus more deeply, and it is through knowing Jesus that we can become more godly!

The essence of practicing godliness is to put off the old self and put on the new self!

Ephesians 5:16

I mean that you should use every opportunity you have for doing good, because these are evil times.

Ephesians 4:29

When you talk, don't say anything bad. But say the good things that people need—whatever will help them grow stronger. Then what you say will be a blessing to those who hear you.

Ephesians 5:4,19, 22, 25

4 Also, there must be no evil talk among you. Don't say things that are foolish or filthy. These are not for you. But you should be giving thanks to God.

19 Encourage each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord.

22 Wives, be willing to serve your husbands the same as the Lord.

25 Husbands, love your wives the same as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.

Ephesians 6:1-9

1 Children, obey your parents the way the Lord wants, because this is the right thing to do.

2 The command says, "You must respect your father and mother." This is the first command that has a promise with it.

3 And this is the promise: "Then all will go well with you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

4 Fathers, don't make your children angry, but raise them with the kind of teaching and training you learn from the Lord.

5 Slaves, obey your masters here on earth with fear and respect. And do this with a heart that is true, just as you obey Christ.

6 You must do this not just to please your masters while they are watching, but all the time. Since you are really slaves of Christ, you must do with all your heart what God wants.

7 Do your work, and be happy to do it. Work as though it is the Lord you are serving, not just an earthly master.

8 Remember that the Lord will give everyone a reward for doing good. Everyone, slave or free, will get a reward for the good things they do.

9 Masters, in the same way, be good to your slaves. Don't say things to scare them. You know that the one who is your Master and their Master is in heaven, and he treats everyone the same.

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 To end my letter I tell you, be strong in the Lord and in his great power.

11 Wear the full armor of God. Wear God's armor so that you can fight against the devil's clever tricks.

12 Our fight is not against people on earth. We are fighting against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness. We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly places.

13 That is why you need to get God's full armor. Then on the day of evil, you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing.

14 So stand strong with the belt of truth tied around your waist, and on your chest wear the protection of right living.

15 On your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong.

16 And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows that come from the Evil One.

17 Accept God's salvation as your helmet. And take the sword of the Spirit—that sword is the teaching of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of prayers, and ask for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready. Never give up. Always pray for all of God's people.

19 Also pray for me—that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret truth about the Good News without fear.

20 I have the work of speaking for that Good News, and that is what I am doing now, here in prison. Pray that when I tell people the Good News, I will speak without fear as I should.

By practicing godliness in this way, we will come to know Jesus more deeply!

This solid knowledge of Jesus will enable us to bear abundant and solid fruits of godliness and live a godly life!

The key to knowing Jesus is to continually humbly learn the truth and diligently practice godliness.

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 滿有能力 I am Strengthened in Him

♪ All of my hope lies in Jesus Christ alone

For I know that He is my peace

All of my joy lies in Jesus Christ alone

He lives in me forever more

Chorus:

Declare the One who's within me

Is greater than the one in the world

I'm not of this world

I belong to Jesus the King

Declare the One who's within me

Is greater than the one in the world

I know that the King lives in me

I am strengthened in Him

Bridge:

My Lord who lives in me

Conquers all of my enemies

My Lord who lives in me

Is my portion my victory

☞ Announcement

1. The theme of Beautiful Life Sharing Series this week is "The New Vision of Glory– Brother Li Bing-Hung's Life Story" (Part 3). Please invite your non-believing friends and family to watch it.

2. The Family Fellowship's brand-new event for 2023, "Master Chef in Action," will take place for four weeks starting on 5/30 (Tuesday) from 19:30 to 21:00. Four experienced chefs will share the cooking skills in a relaxed way. This is not just about sharing delicious cuisines, but also about passing on love. Brothers who are in high school or above are welcome to participate. Please refer to the registration URL (<https://thfc.pse.is/4xcttz>) or scan the QR code to register.

3. The Humanities and Arts Center is going to host the "Watercolor Sketch Class Teacher-Student Exhibition." The artworks will be displayed at the Friendship Corner on the first floor of the church every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and every Sunday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in June. Brothers and sisters are welcome to come and appreciate the artworks and provide support and encouragement.

4. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **Psalm 31-33**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words.

☞ Offertory

☞ Baptism

☞ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

☞ Doxology

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

☞ Benediction

May the grace from Lord Jesus, the love from our heavenly Father and the guiding of Holy Spirit be with all of our brothers & sisters from now on and forevermore.

Today, our worship service together is coming to an end. Emmanuel! May our good Lord bless you!

