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Jesus Loves You
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I dance and sing to You, my King,
I dance and sing and freely praise
I shout to You, You are my God, my glorious King

† 如鹿切慕溪水 **As the Deer**
♪ As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee
You alone are my heart 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 desire
And I long to worship thee

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 96:1-7**

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

☞ Prelude	.....	Choir
☞ Invocation	.....	Presider
☞ Praise	.....	Congregation
☞ Responsive Reading	.....	Congregation
☞ Prayer	Presider
☞ Special Music	Choir
☞ Scripture Reading	Presider
☞ Message	Pastor
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☞ Offertory	Pastor
☞ Holy Communion	Pastor
☞ Announcement	Presider
☞ The Lord's Prayer	Congregation
☞ Doxology	.....	Congregation
☞ Benediction	.....	Pastor
☞ Postlude	.....	Congregation

☞Prelude

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

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:



† 耶穌我君王 **Jesus, You Are My King**

♪ *Jesus, You're my King.
You give me Your strength
I will come before You daily
and draw strength from You* x2

♪ Jesus my Lord, I lift up my hands
and give You praise
With my whole heart bow down before You
I raise my voice proclaiming Your name
I will worship You, adore You all my days

† 主的喜樂是我力量

The Joy Of The Lord Is My Strength

♪ You are my joy, You are my strength
My hope is in salvation's song
I will cling to You when I'm lost
I will trust in You in the dark
I will sing and dance, rejoice in You my God

♪ I praise Your name in times of sorrow or in joy
I praise Your name with the rising and the setting sun
I worship You, my God, My praise will never cease

☞Praise

† 榮耀大君王 **O Worship the King**

♪ O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

♪ O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

♪ Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

♪ Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

☞Special Music

† 惟有耶穌能 **Only Jesus Can**

♪ Who can make the cracked earth sprout new life?
Who can line the clouds with golden rays?
Who can turn life's flaws into glory?
Who can forgive the unjust and the sinners

♪ Only Jesus can make seeds grow green! Yay!
Only Jesus can line clouds with gold! Yay!
[[Only Jesus can)*2, Only Jesus, Only Jesus can]

♪ Only Jesus can turn flaws into glory! Yay!
Only Jesus can forgive the sinners! Yay! []

♪ The man born blind, sitting by the road,
Filled with sorrow, shunned by the crowd.
Jesus came close and touched his eyes
With mud made from His spit.
He washed in the pool of Siloam,
And the blind could see!

♪ Only Jesus can turn decay into miracles! Yay!
Only Jesus can make the impure clean! Yay! []

♪ Only Jesus can make the blind see! Yay!
Only Jesus can change lives completely! Yay! []*3

🔗Scripture Reading: **Ecclesiastes 8:1-13 (NIV)**

1 Who is like the wise? Who knows how to explain things? Wisdom brightens a person's face and changes its hard appearance.

2 Obey the king's command, because you took an oath before God.

3 Do not be in a hurry to leave the king's presence. Do not stand up for a bad cause, for he will do whatever he pleases.

4 Since a king's word is supreme, who can say to him, "What are you doing?"

5 Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure.

6 For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a person may be weighed down by misery.

7 Since no one knows the future, who can tell someone else what is to come?

8 As no one has power over the wind to contain it, so no one has power over the time of their death. As no one is discharged in time of war, so wickedness will not release those who practice it.

9 All this I saw, as I applied my mind to everything done under the sun. There is a time when a man lords it over others to his own hurt.

10 Then too, I saw the wicked buried—those who used to come and go from the holy place and receive praise in the city where they did this. This too is meaningless.

11 When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, people's hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong.

12 Although a wicked person who commits a hundred crimes may live a long time, I know that it will go better with those who fear God, who are reverent before him.

13 Yet because the wicked do not fear God, it will not go well with them, and their days will not lengthen like a shadow.

Sermon: The Child of Wisdom (Part 1)

- Pastor Dong

What kind of wisdom does the Bible reveal?

What does it bring to people?

How can we possess this wisdom?

I. Wisdom is the ability to understand and use truth. (Ecclesiastes 8:1-4, James 3:17-18)

James 3:17-18 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

From **Ecclesiastes 8:2-5**, we can understand the meaning of wisdom:

"Wisdom" is the ability that comes from God to fully understand everything, make accurate judgments, and perfectly apply understanding to situations.

(Ecclesiastes 8:2-5) "The Way to Approach a King":

1. It is wise to obey the king's commands **(Ecclesiastes 8:2)**.

2. When interacting with the king, be calm and avoid being hasty, stubborn, or doing evil **(Ecclesiastes 8:3)**.

3. Understand practical matters and discern the times **(Ecclesiastes 8:4-5)**.

"Wisdom" helps people understand situations and timing, enabling them to gauge the right balance, make appropriate responses and decisions, and accurately judge what is suitable. It keeps people away from trouble, prevents calamities, and allows them to enjoy abundant blessings!

II. Wisdom determines life and death, fortune and misfortune.

Wisdom is an essential ability that should never be lost:

1. "Wisdom" removes a person's gloom, brings out brilliance, dissipates negative energy, and makes one radiant **(Ecclesiastes 8:1)**.

2. "Wisdom" enables people to appropriately handle stress, challenges, and crises **(Ecclesiastes 8:6)**.

3. "Wisdom" leads people to eventual happiness and eternal life **(Ecclesiastes 8:7)**.

Those who possess this wisdom will escape destruction and vanity, enjoying everlasting joy and the fullness of life—both in this life and in eternal life, living a substantial life rather than a shadowy existence.

III. The way to obtain wisdom: Fear God. - (Ecclesiastes 8:12-13)

The source of wisdom is God (Job 38:1, 36-38; 11:7-9; Proverbs 2:6; Ecclesiastes 8:12-13).

Job 38:1 Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

36-38 Who gives the ibis wisdom or gives the rooster understanding?

37 Who has the wisdom to count the clouds? Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens

38 when the dust becomes hard and the clods of earth stick together?

11:7-9 "Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?

8 They are higher than the heavens above—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths below—what can you know?

9 Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Ecclesiastes 8:12-13

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13 Yet because the wicked do not fear God, it will not go well with them, and their days will not lengthen like a shadow.

Human beings cannot attain God's wisdom through their own understanding (Job 11:7-9).

The only way to receive God's wisdom is that it is given by God (Proverbs 2:6).

God gives wisdom to those who fear Him (Ecclesiastes 8:12-13).

To fear God means having a "deep reverence" for Him, which includes being in awe, having respect, and loving Him. This reverence for God leads people to naturally and actively place extreme trust in Him, obey Him, love Him, and offer their best to Him with absolute loyalty. They worship and serve God with sincerity, follow His words faithfully, avoid evil, pursue good, seek peace, and wholeheartedly dedicate themselves to God

Dear friends, approach God with respect, not lightly or mockingly. You'll come to know this supreme, loving, all-powerful, and merciful God who not only helps you but can help you greatly!

Dear saints, keep trusting God with a reverent heart, praying to Him without losing hope, and you'll gain wisdom, walking on a path of great blessing!

The wisdom gained from fearing God will enable you to understand situations and timing, judge things accurately, and make proper decisions. It grants the ability to handle situations appropriately, helping you to avoid misfortune and disaster, and allowing you to enjoy an abundance of blessings!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 神的道路 God's Way

- ♪ God's way extraordinary higher
God's thoughts are extraordinary higher
His heart has a full blueprint
His time will never delay
Lead your future step by step
- ♪ He founds the base of the earth
He let clouds floating in the air
Breath of life is His creation
He promises to bless and care
Everything has made in His time
Wait patiently shall shout for joy
Ah... Wait patiently shall shout for joy

☞ Announcement

1. "Sister Helen Wong's Latest Book Release"

Following her previous work, *Joyful Writing*, Sister Helen Wong's new book, *I Forgot I Could Be So Happy!*, has just been published. A book launch and testimonial meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10, at 12:00 PM in the B1 Sanctuary. All brothers and sisters are welcome to register. The registration deadline is Monday, August 5. Please refer to the link <http://thfc.pse.is/810happy> (one form per family) and QR Code.

2. "Youth Career Exploration"

The event *Youth Career Exploration* will be held on Saturday, August 10, at 2:00 PM in the Cloud Hall on the 1st floor. This event will introduce various careers, including "Media Production, Social Work, and Biomedical Sciences." Students and young people are encouraged to attend and invite others.

3. "Bible Reading Schedule for This Week"

This week's Bible reading covers Isaiah chapters 16 to 18. Please visit the Harmony Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch the *Logos Gateway* and *Good Look at the Bible* programs.

☞ 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!