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All my praise and honor just for You
I'm rejoicing in Your presence
In endless praise

† 我的力量我的山寨 **My Strength, My Fortress**
♪ [Jehovah my Lord, my strength (I love You)x2] *2
♪ You are my rock, oh Lord. And my fortress
You are the rock for me. And are my shield
♪ Jehovah my Lord, my strength (I love You)x2

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:1-5, 22**

- 1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
- 3 Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.
- 4 Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.
- 5 Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 22 Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, my soul

☞ **Praise**

† 想念主愛 **Thy Love, O Lord**
 ♫ Day and night do I think of thy love, oh ,Lord.
 It's high and It's depth oh how great.
 Pouring down like a great waterfall oh, Lord
 Thy love doth my being elate.
 Thou didst come down from hea'n for love's sake
 oh, Lord
 Forsaking thy glory and thy throne.
 Thou wast born son of man under Law oh, Lord
 Without any wealth called thine own.
 ♫ Like a savory feast is thy love oh, Lord
 My whole being to satisfied.
 How I thank thee for taking my place oh, Lord
 To endure the cross and to die.
 Thou hast rescue me from sin and death oh, Lord
 Thy blood washed my heart white as snow.
 Thou hast send thy spirit to help me oh, Lord.
 That I might please thee here below
 ♫ Day and night do I long for thy home oh, Lord,
 That thou art preparing for me.
 O, what joy to walk on streets of gold oh, Lord
 No more pain and tears will I see.
 To abide in thy grace and thy love oh, Lord
 What blessing divine beyond compare.
 For thy love is the same to the end oh, Lord.
 Thy glory is seen everywhere.

Course:

♪ All my love is poured out at thine feet oh, Lord,
 None can satisfy my heart so well.
 Most delightful and precious art thou oh, Lord.
 I love in thine bosom to dwell.

☞ **Special Music**

† 我怎麼能不讚美祢
How Could I Not Praise You?

☞ Prelude	.....	Choir
☞ Invocation	.....	Presider
☞ Praise	.....	Congregation
☞ Responsive Reading	.....	Congregation
☞ Prayer	.....	Presider
☞ Special Music	.....	Choir
☞ Scripture Reading	.....	Presider
☞ Message	.....	Pastor
☞ Responsive Hymn	.....	Presider
☞ 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

† 敞開心不停讚美 **Endless Praise**

♪ I come into Your temple
 Joy abounding in Your presence
 Lord, You are my God
 I will glorify Your name
 ♫ Love that reaches to the heavens
 Faithfulness beyond all measure
 Your salvation set me firm on higher ground
 ♫ I give my heart to You oh through and through
 Lord just as I am I come to You
 Turning back to childlikeness
 Abba Father how I love You
 ♫ I give my heart to You oh through and through

♪ All things were made for Thee, and the Almighty hath ordained and established them.
And to Thee belongs the power and glory of all generations.
Praise be to every breath, and all the earth shall bow down and worship Thee.

♪ The angels and the armies of heaven surround the throne, the shouts of joy are heard in heaven and earth.
The sun and the moon proclaim with all their might, The love of the Lord is never forsaken.
Praise be to every breath, and all the earth shall fall down and worship Thee.

♪ All nations, men, women, and children, come together to honor the name of the Lord.
The glory of God is incomparable; let us proclaim it to the ends of the earth.
Praise be to every breath, and all the earth shall fall down and worship Thee.

chord: All the universe sings and rejoices, and the stars of heaven echo together.
If all praise in heaven and on earth cannot cease
How can I not praise Thee?

✎ **Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)**

28 Jesus said: "A man had two sons. He went to the older one and said, 'Son, go work in the vineyard today.' who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

29 The son said, 'I will not,' but later changed his mind and went.

30 Then the father said the same thing to the younger son. He said, 'Yes, father, I will go,' but he didn't go.

31 Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?" They answered, "The first one."

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

32 John came to show you the way of righteousness, but you didn't believe him. But the tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you didn't repent and believe him."

**Sermon: Living Out True Love –
Love Must Be Real, Not Fak - Pastor Dong**

This parable shows us the essence of true love!
What is true love?
Why is it important? How can we live out true love?

**I. True love is doing what God commands
(John 14:21; 1 John 3:23; John 15:12)**

John 14:21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

1 John 3:23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Just saying good things but not doing them is fake love.

Doing what God asks is real love!

True love for God means actually obeying Him.

God's command is to believe in His Son Jesus Christ and love one another as He has commanded.

II. Blessed are those who obey God's commands!

1. They enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 21:29-31)

Matthew 21:29-31 "I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

30 "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

**2. They have a close relationship with God
(John 14:20-23; John 15)**

John 14:20-23 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

John 15

III. The key to true love: Repentance

The key to truly loving God is repentance!

To truly believe in Jesus and love Him, we must truly repent (Matthew 21:29, 32).

Matthew 21:29, 32 "I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Repentance means rethinking, changing your mind, and turning back to God.

True repentance leads to actions that reflect our change and bear fruit.

How can my heart be changed? How can a person's heart be changed?

1. Repentance comes from Jesus (Acts 5:31).
Acts 5:31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

2. Jesus loves to call people to repent (Luke 5:32; Acts 11:18; Mark 2:17).

Luke 5:32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Mark 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

How does Jesus do this?

By becoming human and sending messengers to spread the gospel!

How can your heart be changed to repent?

First: value Jesus' love for you and turn to Him in repentance (Mark 2:15-17; Romans 2:4).

Mark 2:15-17 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Romans 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience,

not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Jesus loves sinners and came to be among them (Mark 2:17).

Mark 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

He has come to be with us. Will you come to Jesus and repent? Will you ask Him to help you repent?

Second: Value and humbly listen to God's Word

God sends His servants to preach the truth (2 Timothy 2:25-26).

2 Timothy 2:25-26 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, **26** and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Will you listen to God's Word with a humble heart and respond positively?

Third: Give up stubbornness, reject hypocrisy, and live out your repentance (Romans 2:5; Matthew 21:29, 3:8-12)

Romans 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

Matthew 21:29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

3:8-12 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with[a] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Repentance means rejecting rebellion against God and obeying His command to love others as yourself. This is true love for God and Jesus!

Originally, we didn't listen to God. We said "no" to Him in many ways. That's rebellion!

Agreeing with God in words but not doing what He wants is hypocrisy!

Both are tragic.

But choosing to repent, rejecting rebellion and hypocrisy, and following God's commands is true love for Him. This is joyful!

Loving God and loving Jesus is the right thing to do!

Those who love God and Jesus live out the true meaning and value of life.

Loving God and loving others leads to a life full of meaning, glorifying God, and enjoying His blessings!

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 愛是神的心 **Love Is God's Heart**

- ♪ Love is a pair of eyes,
seeing the needs of those nearby.
Love is a pair of ears,
hearing the urgent lack from afar.
Love is a pair of hands,
reaching out to unspoken pleas.
Love is a pair of feet,
walking to the forgotten wilderness.
- ♪ Love is God's heart, love is God's sign,
When love connects our lives, how beautiful it is!
Love is God's heart, love is God's call,
When love turns into action,
how wonderful the world becomes!

☞ Announcement

1. **"Meeting God Camp"** will be held on Sunday, September 22, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the 5th-floor Morning Star Hall. The event includes sharing truths, release prayers, and a Q&A about the truth. All brothers and sisters are welcome to sign up and join us in person.
2. **"Masterpiece! God Says: You Are My Masterpiece!"** is a new song release event on Saturday, September 28, at 2:00 PM in the 4th-floor main hall. The event features moving performances by the youth from Harmony Church and Taopu Church. Everyone is encouraged to invite new friends to join.
3. The new season of **Adult Sunday School** will start on Sunday, September 29, and Wednesday, October 2. The first class will be a kickoff with encouragement from pastors and sharing of testimonies. For more details and to sign up, visit <http://thfc.pse.is/sschool> or scan the QR code on page six.

4. **Fall and Winter Happy GOGO** registration is now open. The course runs from October 15 to December 6, with 8 classes and 11 courses. Please invite friends who haven't yet believed to join and experience God's love. To register, scan the QR code.
5. This week's Bible reading schedule is Isaiah chapters 34 to 36. Check out Harmony Church's website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) for Bible resources and programs. Also, listen online to Pastor Xu's radio program "Awake Heart—Book of Esther" on Joy Radio.

☞ 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 heav'nly host;

☞ Benediction

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