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☞ **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:

☞ **我看見神的愛 I've seen the love of God**

♪ I've seen the love of God in the shining sunlight
 I've seen the love of God in the beautiful sea
 I've seen the love of God in his merciful heart
 I've seen the love of God on your and my face
 ♪ In everyone's smile. In everyone's prayer
 In everyone's hug. I've seen the love from the Lord
 ♪ On everyone's smile In everyone's prayer
 ♪ In everyone's hug. I can see God's love

☞ **高聲唱哈利路亞 Come let us Sing**

♪ Jesus You are worthy of my praise
 I will sing always of Your wonderful works
 Your living power has transformed my days
 Jesus Christ you are the Lord
 ♪ Come let us sing Hallelujah
 Come let us sing glory to the Lamb of God
 Let everyone testify the power of Your life
 Come let us sing Hallelujah
 Come let us sing glory to the Lamb of God
 Let all the people bow down
 And all the tongues proclaim. Jesus is alive

☞ **生命活水充滿我 Living Water**

♪ Lead me to Your throne, to my hiding place
 Cover me with song of Your joy
 Hide me under Your wings
 Lord, You're the giver of life
 Lord, You're the everlasting light
 In Your presence I'm set free
 Your holiness shines on me
 ♪ Fill me Lord. Come, fill me Lord
 Here, before Your throne, the living water flows
 Cleanse me, make me whole(x2)

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 111:1-4, 7-10**

- 1 Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- 2 Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- 3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

☞ **Praise**

☞ **榮耀歸於真神 To God be the glory**

♪ To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the lifegate that all may go in.
 ♪ O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 to every believer the promise of God;
 the vilest offender who truly believes,
 that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
 ♪ Great things he hath taught us,
 great things he hath done,
 and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
 but purer, and higher, and greater will be
 our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

(Praise the Lord)*2, let the earth hear his voice!
 (Praise the Lord)*2, let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
 and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

☞ **Special Music**

☞ **主我願更親近祢 Just A Closer Walk with Thee**

♪ I am weak but Thou art strong;
 Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long
 As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

♪ [Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.]

♪ O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
leaning on the everlasting arms.

♪ Daily walking close to thee; as I walk,
Let it be, let me walk close to thee, Lord.
When my feeble life is over,
when my life is over, time for me will be no more;
reach down and guide me gently,
safely over to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. []

✎ **Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:1 (NIV)**
Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart!

Sermon: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

- Pastor Dong

God greatly blesses those with a pure heart. He gives them joy, goodness, beauty, and peace!

A pure heart means a clean heart and pure thoughts.

A pure heart has high perspective: it sees through false blessings, sees God's justice, and has "clear wisdom" to understand the end of life, as shown in Psalm 73:17-28.

Psalm 73:17-28

17 till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

18 Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.

19 How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

20 They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.

21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

I. Many Confusions in a Believer's Life

Having a pure heart is not easy! When our hearts aren't clear, we feel confused about God.

Here are ten confusions:

1. Wicked people enjoy peace – **Psalm 73:3**

Psalm 73:3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

2. Wicked people have no pain and are healthy – **Psalm 73:4**

Psalm 73:4 They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.

3. Wicked people seem to have no troubles – **Psalm 73:5**

Psalm 73:5 They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.

4. Wicked people are proud and powerful – **Psalm 73:6**

Psalm 73:6 Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence.

5. Wicked people are rich beyond measure – **Psalm 73:7**

Psalm 73:7 From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits.

6. Wicked people mock, oppress, and take advantage of others – **Psalm 73:8**

Psalm 73:8 They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression.

7. Wicked people speak against everyone – **Psalm 73:9**

Psalm 73:9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.

8. Wicked people make God's people suffer – **Psalm 73:10**

Psalm 73:10 Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance.

9. Wicked people deny and disrespect God – **Psalm 73:11**

Psalm 73:11 They say, "How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?"

10. Wicked people live comfortably, with wealth always increasing – **Psalm 73:12**

Psalm 73:12 This is what the wicked are like—always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.

These confusions can lead believers to complain about and doubt God, especially those who face constant trouble and discipline each morning – **Psalm 73:13-14**.

Psalm 73:13-14 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence.

14 All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments.

II. The Importance of a Pure Heart

Those with pure hearts see:

1. The end of the wicked – their outcome is tragic – **Psalm 73:17-19**

Psalm 73:17-19 till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

18 Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.

19 How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

2. God's presence, guiding them to His glory – **Psalm 73:23-24**

Psalm 73:23-24 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

3. That God is their strength and their eternal blessing – **Psalm 73:26-27; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10**

Psalm 73:26-27 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead

with our heavenly dwelling,

3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

III. Focusing on the End Is Key

How can we have a pure heart?

By thinking about God's final judgment and understanding the end of life – **Psalm 73:17**.

Psalm 73:17 till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

1. Then, we see God carrying out justice – **Psalm 73:18-20**

Psalm 73:18-20 Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.

19 How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

20 They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.

2. We recognize our own ignorance and stop doubting or complaining against God, feeling regret instead – **Psalm 73:21-22**

Psalm 73:21-22 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

3. We see how much God loves us – **Psalm 73:23-24**

Psalm 73:23-24 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

4. We find ourselves saying, “Whom have I in heaven but You?” – **Psalm 73:25-26**

Psalm 73:25-26 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

5. We draw close to God – **Psalm 73:28**

Psalm 73: 28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

By often focusing on the end of life, on God's final judgment, our hearts are purified. We gain a pure perspective, seeing everything clearly, and feeling God's warmth, love, and powerful hand leading us toward His kingdom and glory.

Think about this day and night: eternal life, heavenly glory, and the great white throne of judgment!

Pray that God will open the eyes of our hearts to see the incredible hope of His calling, the glorious riches of our inheritance among believers, and the immense power He shows to those who believe!

Wisdom of the highest kind: Begin with the end, and focus on eternity!

☞ Responsive Hymn

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Let Faith Arise In Our Praise

- ♪ With my lips, I'll sing Your praise
With my hands, I'll lift up Your name
♪ For Your promises raise up my faith
In my troubled times, Your miracles come
♪ In our praise, faith is ever rising
Through our tears, we choose to sing our song
You are faithful until the end
And Your promises never fail
♪ In our praise, faith is ever rising
We will sing the anthem of our faith
Even when we are lost, or discouraged
Your word is a light, guiding our way *repeat *
♪ (Great is Thy faithfulness)*2
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed. Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me. *repeat *

☞ Announcement

1. **Super Parent-Child Group** will hold a "Simple Cooking Class" every Tuesday in November at 10:30 a.m. on the 5th floor in the Hope Hall. Childcare will be available, so please invite moms to join!

2. "**Professor Hippo's Secret Recipes**" will be held on Saturday, November 9, at 2:00 p.m. on the 4th floor in the Main Hall. The theme is “Maxwell's Natural Science and the Bible: Exploring God's Amazing Creation Through Astronomy,” presented by Professor Zhang Wen-Liang. Friends and family are welcome!

3. **This week's Bible reading plan** is Isaiah chapters 55-57. Visit Harmony Church's website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *The Bible Gateway* and *Good Bible Reading*. You can also tune in online to Pastor Hsu's program *Awake Heart—The Gospel of Luke* on Kairos 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;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

☞ Benediction

Today's worship concludes here for now. Brothers and sisters, please feel free to communicate with one another before dismissing. Emmanuel, may God bless you all.