

∞Prelude

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

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:

☆ 讓我們來登耶和華的山

Let Us Go Up To The Mountain Of The Lord

↑ 獻上讚美祭 Sacrifice Of Praise

☐ [(Praise His holy name) *2
Praise the name above all names
Faithful to the end. Mercy never fails
Your love endures forevermore]

† 開啟雙眼 Open My Eyes

☐ Open my eyes gaze upon Your glory Lift up my voice Give the glorious King praise

☐ Lord I love You I give You praise Hallelujah I exalt You

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

- **9** How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.
- **10** I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.
- 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- **12** Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.
- 13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.
- **14** I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
- **15** I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
- **16** I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

∞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.

(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

☆ 祂的慈愛永遠長存

His Enduring Mercy and Everlasting Love

☐ Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
Give praise to the God of gods;
Give praise to the Lords, Give Him praise.
Praise Him who alone dose mighty works,
Who fashioned the heavens,
Who formed the earth with His hand.

Give Him praise, give Him praise.

Praise Him who designed celestial light;
The sun to rule by day;
The moon and stars by night. (Give Him praise.)*2
Who delivers us from our enemies.
Remembers us in our weakness.
[Give thanks to the God of heaven;
Give praise to the Lord of all.]*2 Give Him praise!

☐ Praise Him for His mercy. Praise Him for His love. His everlasting love. Praise Him. Alleluia!

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1 (NIV):

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea."

∞Sermon: End Times Guide (Part 3) – The New Heaven and New Earth, and the Coming of God's Kingdom

-Pastor Dong

What is the new heaven and new earth that God has prepared for people like?

How is it different from the world we live in now? How can we enter the new heaven and new earth?

I. The New Heaven and New Earth – A Place of True Peace (Revelation 6:13-17)

Revelation 6:13-17

- 13 ...and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.
- **14** The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.
- 15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.
- 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!
- 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

The world we live in today does not provide real safety, comfort, or joy. In the end times, disasters will strike the sky, mountains, and seas, causing extreme fear—even for those with great power. But the new heaven and new earth will be completely different.

It will be a place of perfect peace and safety, with no more fear or terror. (Revelation 21:1)

God will create a beautiful, secure new heaven and new earth, removing the old, broken world that people have ruined.

Those whose names are written in the Book of Life will enter the new heaven and new earth with great joy. Their future will be completely different from sinners who are thrown into the lake of fire.

Job 38:8-11

- **8** "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,
- **9** when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness.
- 10 when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place.
- 11 when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?"

<u>Psalm 89:9</u> You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

<u>Isaiah 57:20</u> But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud.

Revelation 13:1

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea, and I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

II. The New Heaven and New Earth – A Source of Power

The greatest motivation in this life comes from focusing on the new heaven and new earth. When we understand how everything ends and see the final goal, it fills our lives with endless energy!

Today, many people lack motivation. The solution is to focus on the new heaven and new earth that God has prepared for you.

The more you understand the new heaven and new earth, the more inspired and energized you'll be. Knowing the kingdom of heaven will fill your heart with power.

Those who belong to God's kingdom have His mighty help. No matter how hard things get, they won't back down or run away.

When you have the kingdom of heaven, everything on earth seems cheap and worthless. You won't fear losing anything!

Revelation 21:2-8 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

- **3** "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."
- **4** "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."
- 5 "He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.""
- **6** "He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'"
- 7 "Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."
- **8** But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

III. The New Heaven and New Earth – Unmatched Beauty

1. The new heaven and new earth are as beautiful as a wedding! (Revelation 21:2, 8)

The image of a wedding represents:

- 1) **Holiness** pure and without flaw.
- 2) **Commitment** a deep devotion.
- 3) **Honor and Splendor** shining with glory.

- 4) **Eternal Covenant** a promise that lasts forever.
- 5) **Abundance** rich blessings and joy.
- 6) **Inner Beauty and Goodness** filled with blessings, joy, and happiness.
- 7) **Fulfillment** complete satisfaction.

Exodus 33:1-16

- 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.'
- **2** I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.
- **3** Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way."
- **4** When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn, and no one put on any ornaments.
- **5** For the Lord had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you."
- **6** So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.
- 7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the tent of meeting. Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp.
- **8** And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.
- **9** As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses.
- 10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent.
- 11 The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.
- 12 Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.'
- 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."
- **14** The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
- 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.
- 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

- 2. The love in this new creation is like the love between a father and child, full of closeness and care. (Revelation 21:3-7)
 - 1) **Living Together**: God will treasure, protect, and honor His people. (Revelation 21:3; Exodus 33:1-16)
 - 2) **Comforting Love**: God will wipe away every tear. (Revelation 21:4)
- 3. Everything will be made new—completely transformed! (Revelation 21:5)
 - The heavens, the earth, the universe, and even human hearts will be made new.
 - The rules of existence and the atmosphere of life will be brand new.
 - All old things, including pain and suffering, will be gone forever for God's people.
- 4. Perfect health and freedom from pain will be ours forever! (Revelation 21:4-6; 22:1-3)

Revelation 22:1-3

- 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
- 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- **3** No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

No more sickness or pain for all eternity.

IV. The New Heaven and New Earth – A Kingdom for Overcomers (Revelation 21:7; 22:3-5; 22:14)

Revelation 22:4-5, 14 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

- 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.
- 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

In God's Kingdom, Jesus sits on His heavenly throne. Overcomers have the incredible honor and authority to freely come before His throne and see Him face to face!

Overcomers are:

- God's children, inheriting the Kingdom.
- **Servants of God**, who will serve Jesus with joy.
- Marked with Jesus' name, showing they belong to Him and are deeply loved and valued by Him.
- **Living in God's glorious light**, guided by His presence every day.

Overcomers will wear a **crown of victory**, reign with Christ, work alongside Him, and manage everything in creation forever and ever!

How to Become an Overcomer

1. Humility (Matthew 5:3):

Believe, "I can't, but God can. I am weak, but God is all-powerful."

<u>Matthew 5:3</u> Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2. Wholehearted Faith (Numbers 14:24):

Fully trust God without doubt, like Joshua and Caleb, who believed God's promises completely.

<u>Numbers 14:24</u> But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

3. Faithfulness (Matthew 25:21; Revelation 2:10-11):

Be faithful to God, even to the point of death, and serve Him with all your heart, like the church in Smyrna.

Matthew 25:21 His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

Revelation 2:10-11 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

4. Love (Matthew 25:37-40):

Love others as yourself and follow Jesus' command to love one another.

Matthew 25:37-40 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

- **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?
- **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
- **40** "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

A Challenge for God's People

Trust in God and rise up to be overcomers who will enter the new heaven and new earth! In this new year, make a wise decision: Invest in the new heaven and new earth. Forget what is behind and press on toward the goal!

Strive to be someone who:

- Listens humbly to God.
- Believes in God wholeheartedly.
- Serves God with all your strength.
- Stays loyal to God to the very end.
- Puts loving God and others first.

Don't chase after the things of this world anymore! Focus on what truly matters.

∞Responsive Hymn

Announcement

∞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

Solution 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.