

∞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:



↑ 在主愛裡 In God's Love

I worship You cause You first love me only worship You
 I often worship Lord, my God only worship You

☐ [God's love God's love Be with Him in His love]x2

† 耶和華我的磐石 Jehovah You are My Rock

J (Jehovah you are my rock.
You're worthy to be praised)
You have trained my hands for battle
You have trained my fingers for war

∫ () You have granted me Your wisdom So my heart will not be moved

So I will sing to You a new song
 Praise Your holy name. You alone are my shelter
 You are my strength

So I will play the harp and dance for joy
 To praise Your name. You alone are my fortress
 You alone are my hope and my rock

↑ 君王就在這裡 Worthy Is The King

Jesus, my King. You're seated on the throne Hallelujah. Your glory fills this place.

Sing, worthy is the King. We offer all our praise. Crown You Lord of lords.
 Give glory to Your name.

☐ Sing, worthy is the King. You're robed in majesty. Hosanna unto the glorious King of kings.

☐ Higher and higher, we lift Your holy name. Higher and higher, we lift a shout of praise. Louder and louder, declare that You are Lord. until that day, I see You face to face.

∞Responsive Reading: <u>Psalm 5:1-3, 7-8, 11-12</u>

1 Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.

2 Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.?

3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

7 But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

8 Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies— make your way straight before me.

11 But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. **12** Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Praise

† 谷中百合花 The Lily of The Valley

I have found a friend in Jesus,
 He's everything to me,
 He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
 The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see
 All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
 In sorrow He's my comfort,
 in trouble He's my stay;
 He tells me every care on Him to roll.

He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne; In temptation He's my strong and mighty tower; I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn From my heart and now He keeps me by His power. Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempt me sore,

Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.

☐ He's the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

∞Special Music

† 歡樂佳音 The Joyful Sound

☐ Tell to sinners far and wide: (Jesus saves!*2)
Bear the news to every land,
climb the steeps and cross the waves; onward!
'tis our Lord's command: (Jesus saves!*2)

☐ We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, (a story of peace and light*2)

 □ For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; (and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, a kingdom of love and light.*2)

☐ Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before; Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see His banner go!

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, (with the cross of Jesus going on before*2);

☐ [(Glory, glory hallelujah!*3) His truth is marching on!] *2 His truth is marching on!

☐ We have heard the joyful sound: (Jesus saves!)*2

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Sermon:

The Taste of God's Grace vs. The Taste of Sin

~ Pastor Dong

King David: he tasted the sweetness of God's grace.

King Saul: he tasted the bitterness of sin.

When we compare David with Saul, we see that a wise person will choose to keep tasting God's grace again and again. Such a person will keep being redeemed, lifted up, enriched, made holy, and set free. Their life will shine brightly, bring blessing to others, and bring glory to God!

So today, let's look deeply at the taste of God's grace and the taste of sin.

I. The Taste of Sin

King Saul, Judas (one of Jesus' disciples), and Samson the strong man all show us a warning:

The first time they tasted the sweetness of sin—whether money, greed, or desire—it led them to taste it a second time, then a third time.

Soon, repentance became harder and harder. They went deeper and deeper into sin, until they could not turn back.

Psalm 34:1-22

- 1 I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3 Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.
- **4** I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
- **6** This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- **8** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- **9** Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

- **11** Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,
- 13 keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;
- 16 but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.
- **18** The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- 19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;
- **20** he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.
- **21** Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
- **22** The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

II. The Taste of God's Grace (Psalm 34)

- 1. God delivers us from all fears (v.4)
- 2. He removes shame and fills us with joy and glory (v.5)
- 3. He hears our prayers and rescues us from troubles (vv.6, 15, 19)
- 4. His angels surround us and protect us (vv.7, 17)
- 5. We will lack nothing (v.9)
- 6. No good thing will be withheld (v.10)
- 7. Life, long days, and good blessings (v.12)
- 8. God is close to us (v.18)
- 9. He saves our body, soul, and spirit (vv.20, 22)
- 10. He moves us to repent quickly (seen in **Psalm** 34 and in David's life)

III. The Key to Tasting God's Grace: Fearing the Lord

How can we truly taste God's grace?

The key is the **fear of the Lord** (**Psalm 34:8–10**).

The way of fearing God means:

- 1. From words to actions, live with kindness, honesty, and peace. Avoid evil talk, evil deeds, and lies (vv.12–14).
- 2. If we sin, we must repent with a broken and contrite heart (v.18).
- 3. God always gives grace, so that at any moment we can taste His goodness.

But we must choose to live in the fear of the Lord, so that our whole life can keep tasting His grace.

4. Samson, King Saul, and Judas all chased after the taste of sin. Their lives ended in foolishness and tragedy.

David and Paul chased after the taste of God's grace. Their lives became wise, glorious, and fruitful. They overcame crises and sufferings, and their testimonies shine brightly.

5. The wisest choice in life is to taste God's grace!

Let us rise and seek the fear of the Lord!

∞Responsive Hymn

- ↑ 我站立敬畏 袮 I stand in awe of You
- Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
 Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
 You are beautiful beyond description Majesty enthroned above

% Announcement

1. The "Winter Happiness GOGO" classes are now open for registration!

This season, we've added new courses such as handmade jewelry, fat-burning workout, and baking & cooking.

You're encouraged to invite your non-believing friends and family to join and hear the Gospel.

2. This week's **Bible reading schedule**: **Amos chapters 5-7**.

Please visit the **Harmony Church** website (http://www.ctfhc.org) to watch *Logos Gateway* and *The Bible—So Wonderful!*

∞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.

Solution 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'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.