

♪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:



† 耶和華喜樂靈 Jehovah's Joyful Spirit

♪ Jehovah's joyful Spirit is now coming to fill me
So that my spirit sings hymns of joy
and if my mouth does not make a joyful sound
My Lord will rise stones to praise
♪ Let the melody of praise fill my heart and my soul
like king David dancing & praising Lord's holy name
Oh my heart, oh my soul, lift your voice and praise
The oil of joy has been anointed on me

† 在祢寶座前 Before Your Throne

♪ Stand before Your throne,
and give You all my worship.
I lift my hands and sing unto You.
Salvation belongs to You on the throne.
♪ Stand before Your throne.
All angels bow and worship.
Let all Your nations shout Your glory.
Salvation belongs to You on the throne.
♪ Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Salvation, glory, belong to You on the throne.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Blessing, honor, belong to You
on the throne to forever. A-men.

† 願祢崇高 May You Be Exalted

♪ I will give you thanks among the people,
I will sing praises among the nations. (x2)
Thy love reaches to the heaven,
Thy faithfulness to the skies. (x2)
(Hallelujah)*2 Thy love reaches to the heavens,
(Hallelujah)*2 Thy faithfulness to the skies.

♪Responsive Reading: **Psalm 23:1-6**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

♪Praise

† 快樂頌 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

♪ Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

♪ All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee.

♪ Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

♪ Mortals, join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
in the triumph song of life.

♪Special Music

† 我錨已拋牢 My Anchor Holds

♪ Though the angry surges roll
On my tempest-driven soul,
I am peaceful, for I know,
Wildly though the winds may blow,
I've an anchor safe and sure,
That can evermore endure.

Refrain:

♪ And it holds, my anchor holds:
Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

♪ Mighty tides about me sweep,
Perils lurk within the deep,
Angry clouds o'er shade the sky,
And the tempest rises high;
Still I stand the tempest's shock,
For my anchor grips the rock. (Refrain)

♪ I can feel the anchor fast
As I meet each sudden blast,
And the cable, though unseen,
Bears the heavy strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride,

Till the turning of the tide. (Refrain)

♪ Troubles almost 'whelm the soul;

Griefs like billows o'er me roll;

Tempters seek to lure astray;

Storms obscure the light of day:

But in Christ I can be bold,

I've an anchor that shall hold. (Refrain)

投靠者的讚美 Jehovah, Lord of All Hosts

♪ Even the lands are flooded

You are King that reigns the world

Let the storms be strong as might be

Those who belong to You have peace

Even the world seems shattered

Your reign and power never end

Your right hand lifts high above the lands

Those who belong to you are safe

❖ Scripture Reading:

James 3:17-18 But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

James 4:8 Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

❖ Sermon:

“The Distance Between Wisdom and Foolishness”

~ Pastor Dong

The whole Bible clearly shows that the distance between wisdom and foolishness is only a thin line apart.

What is the key to standing on the side of wisdom?

Choose to believe and put into practice these three biblical truths.

Jeremiah 2:36-37 Why do you go about so much, changing your ways?

You will be disappointed by Egypt as you were by Assyria.

37 You will also leave that place with your hands on your head, for the Lord has rejected those you trust; you will not be helped by them.

I. **Golden Truth 1: Firmly believe that the LORD God is the sovereign God who reigns over all things.**

— Concerning life and death, blessing and calamity, honor and disgrace, good and evil
(**Jeremiah 2:36-37**)

Firm faith in the LORD gives us the greatest refuge—peace and security—freeing us from anxious striving, relying on others, forced compromise, fruitless effort, and the path to destruction.

A classic father-son contrast: King Ahaz and King Hezekiah.

The distance between wisdom and foolishness—between life and death, blessing and disaster—is very small: one thin line, one single choice.

1 Kings 18:2-10 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah[a] daughter of Zechariah.

3 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done.

4 He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (It was called Nehushtan.[b])

5 Hezekiah trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him.

6 He held fast to the Lord and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses.

7 And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

8 From watchtower to fortified city, he defeated the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory.

9 In King Hezekiah's fourth year, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria marched against Samaria and laid siege to it.

10 At the end of three years the Assyrians took it. So Samaria was captured in Hezekiah's sixth year, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel.

1 John 2:15-16 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father[a] is not in them.

16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 Kings 11:1-26 King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites.

2 They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.” Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.

3 He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray.

4 As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

5 He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.

6 So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely, as David his father had done.

7 On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.

8 He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.

9 The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice.

10 Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command.

11 So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates.

12 Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13 Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

14 Then the Lord raised up against Solomon an adversary, Hadad the Edomite, from the royal line of Edom.

15 Earlier when David was fighting with Edom, Joab the commander of the army, who had gone up to bury the dead, had struck down all the men in Edom.

16 Joab and all the Israelites stayed there for six months, until they had destroyed all the men in Edom.

17 But Hadad, still only a boy, fled to Egypt with some Edomite officials who had served his father.

18 They set out from Midian and went to Paran. Then taking people from Paran with them, they went to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave Hadad a house and land and provided him with food.

19 Pharaoh was so pleased with Hadad that he gave him a sister of his own wife, Queen Tahpenes, in marriage.

20 The sister of Tahpenes bore him a son named Genubath, whom Tahpenes brought up in the royal palace. There Genubath lived with Pharaoh's own children.

21 While he was in Egypt, Hadad heard that David rested with his ancestors and that Joab the commander of the army was also dead. Then Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me go, that I may return to my own country."

22 "What have you lacked here that you want to go back to your own country?" Pharaoh asked.

"Nothing," Hadad replied, "but do let me go!"

23 And God raised up against Solomon another adversary, Rezon son of Eliada, who had fled from his master, Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 When David destroyed Zobah's army, Rezon gathered a band of men around him and became their leader; they went to Damascus, where they settled and took control.

25 Rezon was Israel's adversary as long as Solomon lived, adding to the trouble caused by Hadad. So Rezon ruled in Aram and was hostile toward Israel.

26 Also, Jeroboam son of Nebat rebelled against the king. He was one of Solomon's officials, an Ephraimite from Zeredah, and his mother was a widow named Zeruah.

II. Golden Truth 2: "Loving the world" is Satan's deadly weapon to draw people away from God.

— Leading people into foolishness and increasing their distance from God and wisdom (1 John 2:15-16)

"Loving the world" is Satan's key tactic to separate people from God.

A classic example: King Solomon (1 Kings 11:1-26).

The reason for drifting away from God and becoming distant from Him: **loving the world**.

The first step of decline and downfall: **disobeying God's Word**—lack of integrity, divided devotion, and failure to obey and listen to God (1 Kings 11:1-6).

Satan designs a customized, precise plan to attract you and gradually lure you into loving the world.

III. Golden Truth 3: Your distance from God determines your distance from wisdom.

— Drawing near to God is the key to a "zero-distance" relationship with Him (1 John 2:15-16)

Solomon's life testifies that the key factor between wisdom and foolishness is **one's distance from God**.

Q: How can we break free from "loving the world" and gain a "zero-distance" relationship with God?

A: In terms of "distance," the natural response is to **draw near to God** (James 4:8).

Drawing near to God means maintaining **a heart that fears and loves God at all times.**

The distance between wisdom and foolishness is only a thin line. It is easy to fall from wisdom into foolishness—but it is also easy to return from foolishness to wisdom.

Drawing near to God enables us to know Him more deeply, experience Him more fully, break Satan's schemes, stand on the side of wisdom, live a victorious life, a joyful life, and a peaceful life—receiving God's honor and thus honoring God.

❖ Responsive Hymn

† 主我要遇見祢 Lord I Want to Meet You

♪ Come before You kneel down humbly

Pour forth all my mind My sorrow in mind
And tears burst out Lord will not ignore
How difficult the life path is
Has no other choice
I come before You knock and seek You
May You make a way
♪ Lord I want to meet You
Lord my heart longs for You
Lord I only want You
be with me on the narrow way
Lord let me meet with You Lord let me possess You
Lord I want You alone Lord You alone My Lord

這一條路 The Heavenly Road

♪ The most pleasant road I tread on is to

follow Jesus Christ
Let your hand take mine
to guide every step of my life

♪ The most joyful road I tread on, is to depend on you
Let everyday give to you my Lord to look after me

Refrain

♪ Denying self is more open
Letting go is more secure
Above our thinking full of richness
The heavenly road I walk with you

❖ Announcement

1. This week's unified Bible reading schedule:

Zechariah chapters 9–11.

Please visit the He Yi Tang Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *Keys to the Bible* and *Reading the Bible Well*, and to listen to Pastor Hsu's program on Good News Radio, *A Sober Mind—The Book of Ezekiel*.

2. Warm reminder: The church is the holy temple for the worship of God. As God's children, we should respect the order of worship:

- 1) Please refrain from eating or drinking, chewing gum, smoking, making noise, answering phone calls, crossing legs, or walking around at will. Unless for health

reasons, please also refrain from drinking water.

- 2) Please strictly prohibit any activities involving personal gain, including borrowing or lending money, rotating savings groups, direct selling, investment advice, as well as any form of political promotion or advocacy.
- 3) Please avoid any ambiguous or inappropriate interactions between persons of the opposite or same sex, as well as any private matchmaking or facilitation of marriages. Let us walk in the light, fellowship together, and build God's house with one heart and one mind.

❖ The Lord's Prayer

❖ Doxology

❖ 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.