



RIVERSIDE HOME WORSHIP

Sunday, May 3

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CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 37

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

The blameless spend their days under the Lord's care,
and their inheritance will endure forever.
In times of disaster they will not wither;
in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom,
and their tongues speak what is just.
The law of their God is in their hearts;
their feet do not slip.

Consider the blameless, observe the upright;
a future awaits those who seek peace.

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God.

In You we find our great reward.
In You we find our righteousness.
In You we find our salvation and stronghold in times of trouble.

And so, we come before You in this day...

To bring our praise and thanksgiving.
To glory in You, our God.
And to find the comfort and assurance of our faith strengthened by You once again.

Bless us, we pray, as we begin this time of worship.
And send upon us a fresh movement of Your Spirit.
That we might find a new blessing in Your wisdom.
And find our lives shaped further in Your peace, justice, and righteousness.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

OPENING SONG

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(To be read, sung, or listened to)

Choir Version

(verses 1-3)

Modern Version

(verses 1-4)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here there by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh, that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in the blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy power will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

CHILDREN'S LESSON

(Parents can read this, talk more about it with the kids, or even find visuals to help)

“True Wisdom”

In home church today, James is going to teach us about true Wisdom from God.

If I say someone is wise, who do you think of? Is it someone who knows a lot? Like maybe someone who has lived a long time, a grandparent, or your mom or dad? Or maybe someone like one of your teachers or a coach?

Or maybe, *Pastor Ben?*

Well, that may be true. But, ya' know, so often we think about wisdom as just a lot of knowledge and think someone is wise just because they know a lot about the world or life. Yet, you know how James says we know wisdom when we see it? He says we know it's wisdom when,

“It loves peace. It thinks about others. It obeys. It is full of mercy and good fruit. It is fair. It doesn't pretend to be what it is not.”

[\(James 3:17b NIRV\)](#)

Wow!

James says wisdom isn't just knowing a whole bunch of stuff (*through that certainly can be part of it*). But, *true* Wisdom is when what we know comes out in actions. And, that's because true wisdom is the Truth from God. True wisdom is when we love what God loves and act like Jesus acted when He was here on earth.

And you know what that means? You can be wise too!

That's right...

You can be wise when you are nice to your brother or sister or a friend. When you think about others before you think about yourself. When you obey God and your parents. When you do nice things for other people. When you are fair in playing games or sports. And when you don't try to be someone you're not and just live for God as the special person He made you to be.

“Be like that,” says James, *“and you'll be one of the wisest people in the world!”*

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for making us and loving us. And thank you for giving us Your Word, the Bible, so we can learn about the Truth. Help us to grow up to be wise people who love what You love and who act like Jesus did. In His Name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG

[“Humble Praises, Holy Jesus”](#)

TIME OF OUR CONGREGATION'S PRAYERS

Opening

Gracious, Loving, Merciful God.

As we come before You in worship this morning, we come in **Adoration**

For all You are, all You have done, and all You have promised to do — *Your majesty and the world You made, Your love and the salvation You have given in Christ, Your faithfulness and the promise of the Kingdom* — for this, O God, we adore You.

We come also in **Confession**

For all we have done and left undone — *our words and deeds of sin, our inactions of shame, and our lack of love for You and our neighbor* — for these things, O God, we ask for Your Mercy.

We come in **Thanksgiving**

For every blessing and each gift from You — *our food and shelter, our life and well-being, our friends, family, and family of faith* — for all these, O God, we thank You.

And, we come in **Supplication**

For all our large concerns and all our small needs — *for our world, for the church, and for ourselves* — these, O God, we now lift to You in humble petition.

Personal Prayers for Our World, Congregation, and Ourselves

And yet, Gracious and Loving God, we come as people in need - and knowing you are a Good God who cares for Your people - we bring those needs before you in prayer as well this morning...

Closing

And now, Gracious God, as we continue on this morning, we ask for Your blessing upon our worship and upon us — that in it You may be glorified, that by it we may be grown in faith, and that through it we may be shaped to live lives for Your honor and Your mission in this world.

We ask all this in the perfecting power of Your Spirit, and in Jesus' precious Name.

Amen.

GOD'S WORD

["Be...Wise"](#)

(video includes the closing song and Doxology)

[James 3:13-18](#)

CLOSING SONG

"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

GOD'S BLESSING

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

— The Love, Mercy and Grace of God be with you all —

Pastor Ben