

Call to Worship: Matthew 7:24-27

Matthew 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. **26** And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Singing: How Firm A Foundation #94

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He has said, To You who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. Fear not I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
4. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace all sufficient shall be your supply.
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design, Your dross to consume and your gold to refine
6. The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul though hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: *David's Prayer of Repentance* Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;

then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Prayers of Repentance

Offertory and Singing: *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there! the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Prayer of Petition

Sermon: The Foundations of Christian Marriage, Part 1 Ephesians 5:22-33

Ephesians 5:18 ... be filled with the Spirit... **21** submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **28** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30** because we are members of his body. **31** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. **33** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

I. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (22-24)

II. Marriage is the Outworking of Our Understanding of the Gospel (18-33 overview)

Singing: The Church's One Foundation #347

1. The church's one Foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation, By water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her, to be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food. And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.
4. The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend, To guide, sustain and cherish, Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale, Against or foe or traitor, She ever shall prevail.
5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.
6. Yet she on earth hath union With the God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

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