



Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

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Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.
@ Arctic Rec. Center
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Welcome

We are glad you're here! We hope you find this time to be beneficial, informative, and meaningful.
May the LORD bless you.

FOR REFLECTION

A faithful father does not leave his kids wondering whether or not he loves them. When I have to go away on a trip, I don't say to my kids, "Daddy will be back soon . . . or maybe he won't. Maybe I'm not really your daddy at all. Maybe my real family lives somewhere else. You'll just have to wait and see if I come back. Sit around and think about that while I'm gone, and let that compel you to become better children."

That would not produce love and loyalty in my children. It might produce a little fear-based obedience, but it's only a matter of time until fear-based obedience turns into father-loathing rebellion. If I don't want my own children fearing they might be orphans, would God?

Do we really think we are better fathers to our children than God would be to His? Hardly. The love God has for us is the highest in the universe. Jesus said, "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you" (John 15: 9). Jesus loves us like God the Father loved Him, and He wants us to have the same assurance with Him that He had with God. Think about that. The same love the perfect Father has for the perfect Son is the love that Christ, our everlasting Father, now has for us."

~ J. D. Greear, *Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart*

PRELUDE

Good morning! Please use this time of instrumental music to settle in and prepare for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68:3-5

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! ***Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.***

PRAYER & SONGS

CONFESSION

Psalm 106:6-7

Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. ***Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.***

(Let us reflect on our need for a Savior)

Please silence all phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

Text in bold italics is read aloud together by the entire congregation.

Call To Worship:
Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, He is the one calling us to himself—today and every day. “Lectio Sacra” means “sacred reading.” It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.

Confession & Assurance
Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 106:8-10

Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power. ***He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.***

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q24

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Colossians 1:21–22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

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SONGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENDING OF KIDS

Faith & Repentance

...as it is written: None is righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

(Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 10:9-10, 13. John 3:16. Acts 4:12.)

New City Catechism

*is a joint adult and children's catechism, adapted by Timothy Keller and Sam Shammas from the Reformation catechisms. One question and answer for each week of the year. Adults and children are asked the same questions. **The children's answer is shortened and appears in blue. See the online app.***

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

SERMON

“A Critic’s Look at Life without God”
Pastor Chris Cha, Kaleo Church

COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SONGS OF RESPONSE

BLESSING & SENDING

Psalms 106:1-3
Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

Amen.

Prayer of Belief
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion
also called the Lord’s Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. Please also use this as a time of reflection, application, and prayer.

Baptism
If you are a Christian and haven’t been baptized, please talk with an elder. We would be honored to baptize you.

Seeking
We hope this time has been helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. Our pastors and elders are available for any questions you might have.

NOTES

(Draw a picture as you listen to the sermon)

What is the sermon about?

What did you learn about God and about yourself in the sermon?

How does what you have learned today make you feel?

Is there something you could do about the truth you have learned?

What are you thankful for today? Lift your thanks to the LORD.

Pray and talk to God about how you feel and what you have learned.



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CONNECT

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

I would like to...

- ☐ Meet with a pastor
- ☐ Be baptized
- ☐ Find a K-Group (small group)
- ☐ Learn more about serving
- ☐ Join this church family

I'm a...

- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Regular attendee

Please drop this card in the offering boxes located on the back tables.

NOTE OR PRAYER REQUEST

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT AND PRESS ON DADS

SUMMER TIME KALEO KIDS

We need help staffing our classes! If you are able to help out this summer please go to kaleoalaska.org and fill out the volunteer form on our home page at the “Serve” link.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ONLINE

We have finished our membership series. If you would like to be a member of Kaleo Church please fill out the online application at kaleoalaska.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Eklutna campout will be June 28th-July 1st. Space is limited. Please register online at kaleoalaska.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT SAVE THE DATE

November 1-2: More information TBA.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

Join us this year as we read through the Bible using the Discipleship Journal Plan. By reading from four separate places in the Scriptures every day, you will get a better grasp of the unity of the Scriptures. And you can begin at any point of the year. Printed copies are available on the back tables and a link to a PDF is available at kaleoalaska.org. It is also available on the YouVersion Bible app as one of their reading plans.

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