

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH – 10:15AM

God, the Righteous Judge

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- A right view of God should produce a humility of heart in our thoughts and speech toward others.
- With a return to James 4 and a message from verses 11-12, we will observe the character of God as lawgiver and Judge. James call us to a right view of God's character which ought to produce humility in our thoughts and words toward one another.

¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Scripture Call to Worship: Psalm 50:1-6 [Pastor Bernie]

*The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.
⁴ He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!*

PRAISE GOD'S RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER

Congregational Song: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;

Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Congregational Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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Scripture: God is Perfect Righteous Judge: Psalm 75 [*Pastor Steve*]

*We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We^[a] recount your wondrous deeds.
2 "At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
3 When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah
4 I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'
and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn;
5 do not lift up your horn on high,
or speak with haughty neck.'"
6 For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,
7 but it is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.
8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,*

*and all the wicked of the earth
shall drain it down to the dregs.
9 But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,
but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.*

PRAISE GOD'S RIGHTEOUS WORD

Hebrews 4:11-13 [Pastor Joel]

11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Congregational Song: This is the Word of God

This is the word of God
This is the truth you have believed
This is the word the prophets searched
To see God's plan fulfilled
This is the Spirit's voice
Not from the will of Man
And though all Men will fall
We know the word of God will stand

This is our only hope
Redeemed with Jesus' precious blood
Saved from the empty way of life
Through faith and hope in God
And since you call on him
Who judges all the earth
Live your lives in reverent fear
Remembering your redeemer's worth

This is the word of God
That even angels long to read
They wonder at the work of Christ
To meet our greatest need
And though we cannot see
And trials test our faith
Our God will be our joy
And our belief will be his praise

We have been born again
Through Jesus rising from the dead
We know that our inheritance
Won't perish, spoil or fade

This is our living hope
The mercy of the Lord
Who by his power will shield
All those who hold him to his word

Instrumental Solo: Speak O Lord [*Addison Nichols*]

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Children 3 Yr-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

Message: James 4:11-12 [*Pastor Steve*]

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Song of Response: # 84 HMA - More and More Like You

Lord, change my heart from deep within
Oh purify me once again
Renew my mind to love your truth
Make me more and more like You

*More and more like You
More and more like You
Do whatever you must do
To make me more and more like You*

Lord, now I rest in Your great love
Secure in Your own righteousness
Because You Spirits work of grace
Makes me more and more like you

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Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Steve]*

PM Neighboring Emphasis

Saturday, January 15th - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:00am

Next Sunday, January 16th - Quarterly Progress Meeting following morning service.