WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH – 10:15AM Theme: True Safety (Daniel 6)

Welcome: [Pastor Steve]

Where does a God-centered, faith-fueled view of true safety look?

- The Source of True Safety: The Character of the King
- The Strength of True Safety: The Mercy of the Savior

Why was Daniel in the safest possible place? He put his trust in the Deliverer, Rescuer and Eternal Living God.

Daniel 6:25-28

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his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end.
²⁷ He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."
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THE SOURCE OF TRUE SAFETY: THE CHARACTER OF THE KING

Psalm 18:1-3 [Pastor Steve]

I love you, O Lord, my strength.
² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Congregational Song: #104 - O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, and gratefully sing his power and his love: Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, Redeemer and Friend!

All hail to the King! In splendor enthroned; Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make know. Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin, King Jesus, all glorious, our vict'ry will win.

Men's Group: Almighty Father

Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are my refuge, I will trust in You. You are a tower, a mighty fortress, You are my strength and shield. You are God.

Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You guide my footsteps that I may not fall. In joy or sorrow, I will exalt You. You are my righteousness, You are God.

Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are Creator, You are all in all! Yours is the power, Yours is the glory. Yours is the majesty. You are God.

THE STRENGTH OF TRUE SAFETY: THE MERCY OF THE SAVIOR

Hebrews 6:19-20 [Pastor Joel]

¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Congregational Song: Christ the sure and steady anchor (NEW SONG – song sheets available)

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn In the suffering, in the sorrow when my sinking hopes are few I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief Hopeless, somehow, o my soul now lift your eyes to Calvary This my ballast of assurance See His love forever proved I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor As we face the wave of death when these trials give way to glory As we draw our final breath We will cross that great horizon Clouds behind and life secure And the calm will be the better For the storms that we endure

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor



Matt 11:28-30

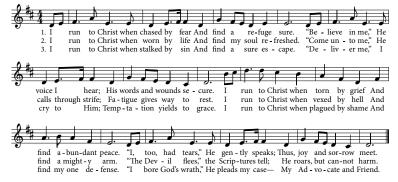
²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Congregational Song: #57 HMA - I Run to Christ

I run to Christ when chased by fear And find a refuge sure. "Believe in me," His voice I hear; His words and wounds secure. I run to Christ when torn by grief And find abundant peace. "I too had tears," He gently speaks; Thus joy and sorrow meet. I run to Christ when worn by life And find my soul refreshed. "Come unto Me," He calls through strife; Fatigue gives way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell And find a mighty arm. "The Devil flees," the Scriptures tell; He roars, but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin And find a sure escape. "Deliver me," I cry to Him; Temptation yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame And find my one defense. "I bore God's wrath," He pleads my case— My Advocate and Friend.

I Run to Christ



Scripture Reading: Daniel 6 [Ryan Strickland]

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ² and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³ Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.⁵ Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God." ⁶ Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked."⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹³ Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed." ¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king

declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. ²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you.²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed. and his dominion shall be to the end. ²⁷*He delivers and rescues: he works signs and wonders* in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

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Congregational Song: #718 - Day by Day

Day by day, and with each passing moment, Strength I find, to meet my trials here; Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure Gives unto each day what He deems best— Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day, the Lord Himself is near me With a special mercy for each hour; All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me, He Whose Name is Counselor and Pow'r. The protection of His child and treasure Is a charge that on Himself He laid; "As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure," This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulationSo to trust Thy promises, O Lord,That I lose not faith's sweet consolationOffered me within Thy holy Word.Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,E'er to take, as from a father's hand,One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,Till I reach the promised land.

Message: "Silence Speaks" - (Daniel 6) [Pastor Steve]

Closing Congregational: His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father, so tender, is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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Closing Prayer [Pastor Bernie]