

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM MAY 14th, 2023 – 10:15am

Genuine Devotion to God

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- Scripture focus today: *Genuine Devotion to God*. Continuing in Malachi 3, we will see that blessing from God resides in the presence of God and springs from inward submission to Him. We will be challenged to have hearts that are genuinely and fully devoted to God.
- Mother's Day today
- Service focus today: God's gracious love for us is the basis of our devotion to Him

REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACIOUS LOVE TO US

Scripture Reading: I John 4:9-10 [Pastor Joel]

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Congregational Song: My Savior's Love

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered and died alone.

*How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

*How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

Congregational Song: Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

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Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

THANK GOD FOR MOTHERHOOD

Devotional encouragement for mothers: [Pastor Steve]

- *Love to the Universe and Back*, by Hannah Anderson – I John 3:1 [Devotional from Day 2 of *Gospel Meditations for Mothers*. Church works Media, 2018]

Pastoral Prayer: Thankfulness for motherhood [Pastor Steve]

Recognition and gifts to mothers:

RESPOND TO GOD WITH DEVOTED LOVE

Congregational Song: O Lord You Are My Portion (Ps 119:57-64)

O Lord, You are my portion;
By faith I keep Your words.
My heart has sought Your favor;
Your gracious promise heard.
I set my steps before You,
To walk in all Your ways;
To keep all Your commandments,
Lord, let me not delay.

Though evil should surround me,
I won't forget Your ways.
Because of all Your goodness,
By night I give You praise.
I dwell with those who fear You,
With those who keep Your word.
You fill the earth with mercy—
Teach me Your statutes, Lord!

Congregational Song: Bow the Knee

What a privilege to come into God's presence,
just to linger with the one who set me free.
As I lift my eyes and see His awesome glory,
I remember who He is and bow the knee.

*Bow the knee, bow the knee,
He is king of all the ages, bow the knee!
God alone on His throne,
see Him high and lifted up and bow the knee!
Kneel before Him, all adore Him.
As you live to love Him more, bow the knee.*

In His hand He holds the power of creation.
With His voice He spoke and all things came to be.
Yet He hears each simple prayer I bring before Him
when I humbly seek His face and bow the knee.

*Bow the knee, bow the knee,
He is king of all the ages, bow the knee!
God alone on His throne,
see Him high and lifted up and bow the knee!
Kneel before Him, all adore Him.
As you live to love Him more, bow the knee.*

Children 3-K5 dismissed

Message: Malachi 3:6-12 [Pastor Steve]

⁶“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

Congregational Song of Response: As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart’s desire
And I long to worship Thee

*You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart’s desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye

*You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield*

*You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

Closing Announcements: [Pastor Bernie]

- Junior Church Teacher Needs/Update – May and June are covered. For July and August, we've listed out individual weeks, instead of months.
- Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00pm – AWANA Awards Ceremony
- Friday, May 19th - SFCS Graduation
- Summer Wednesday night in-home fellowship groups – Sign up for which home you would like to attend.

Closing: [Pastor Bernie]