

Better Than Money, Sex, and Power

"Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward." (Hebrews 10:35)

We need to ponder the superiority of God as our great reward over all that the world has to offer. If we don't, we will love the world like everyone else and live like everyone else. So take the things that drive the world and ponder how much better and more abiding God is. Take money or sex or power and think about them in relation to death. Death will take away every one of them. If that is what you live for, you won't get much, and what you get, you lose. But God's treasure is abiding. It lasts. It goes beyond death. It's better than money because

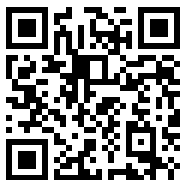
God owns all the money and he is our Father. "All [things] are yours, and you are Christ's and Christ is God's" (1 Corinthians 3:22-23). It's better than sex. Jesus never had sexual relations, and he was the most full and complete human that ever will exist. Sex is a shadow — an image — of a greater reality, of a relationship and pleasure that will make sex seem like a yawn. The reward of God is better than power. There is no greater human power than to be a child of the Almighty God. "Do you not know that we are to judge angels?" (1 Corinthians 6:3). And so it goes on and on. Everything the world has to offer, God is better and more abiding.
- John Piper

This Week

2/17 Youth Bible Study -
Proverbs
7:15 PM

2/18 Women's Bible Study
10 AM

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Upcoming Events



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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

February 14, 2016



Spanish
translation
is available
for AM and
PM services

Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Bob Prentice
Stu Johnston	Stephen Byrd
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Morning Worship

Call to Worship	Alex DiPrima
Opening Hymn	#219 Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power
Scripture Reading	Revelation 7 - page 1031
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	#400 Come Thou Fount
Preparatory	God Undefeatable

1. Behold the King who conquered and overcame our sin.
Behold our glorious Victor whose mercy knows no end.
He is true, He is right, death is broken, He is alive.

(Chorus)

*God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable;
in majesty and power You reign.*

*Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful;
to waken us to life You came. You came.*

2. And now our way is certain, our souls in You secure
through every pain and struggle Your victory endures.
For You are true, and You are right, death is broken,
and You are alive.

*God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable;
in majesty and power You reign.*

*Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful;
to waken us to life You came. You came.*

(Bridge)

The love of God is greater than we dare to hope or dream.
The hold of God is stronger than we dare to hope or dream.

*God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable;
in majesty and power You reign.*

*Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful;
to waken us to life You came. You came.*

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Sermon Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Bob Prentice
Opening Hymn	Look to the Cross

Pressed down with cares and burdens bleak,
look to the cross: What do you see?

He bears your pain, my sister see: The Lamb of God who died for thee.

(Chorus)

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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2. On all sides fear, dark doubt, despair: look to the cross: Your Savior there!
He bleeds for you, my brother see: The Lamb of God who died for thee.

(Chorus)

3. When trials consume our dusty frames,
look to the cross and bless His name!

His body torn to set us free: The Lamb of God who died for thee.

(Chorus)

4. Our sins so great! Our hearts untrue!
Look to the cross for Grace anew;
Jesus becomes our Mercy Seat: He died for you, He died for me!

(Chorus)

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Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory

Sermon

Communion

Luke 23: 1 - 25 - page 883

#402 Amazing Grace

Pastor Stu Johnston

Pastor Gary Hendrix

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.

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#188 There is a Fountain

#580 It is Well