

Faith Honors Him Whom It Trusts

By John Piper

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God. (Romans 4:20)

I long for God to be glorified in our pursuit of holiness and love. But God is not glorified unless our pursuit is empowered by faith in his promises.

And the God who revealed himself most fully in Jesus Christ, who was crucified for our sins and raised for our justification (Romans 4:25), is most glorified when we embrace his promises with joyful firmness because they are bought by the blood of his Son.

God is honored when we are humbled for our feebleness and failure, and when he is trusted for future grace (Romans 4:20). So unless we learn how to live by faith in future grace, we may perform remarkable religious rigors, but not for God's glory. He is glorified when the power to be holy comes from humble faith in future grace.

Martin Luther said, "[Faith] honors him whom it trusts with the most reverent and highest regard, since it considers him truthful and trustworthy." The trusted Giver gets the glory.

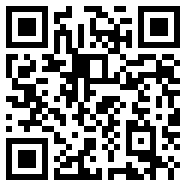
My great desire is that we learn how to live for God's honor. And that means living by faith in future grace, which, in turn, means battling unbelief in all the ways it rears its head.

Events

TODAY

Hawfields Ministry 3 PM
Contemporary Praise and
Worship Music 7 PM
6/30 7th/8th Bible Study
7 PM
6/30 Women of Grace
7:30 PM

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Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

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



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Pastor Bob Prentice
Opening Hymn #131 When Morning Gilds the Skies
Scripture Reading Revelation 19: 1-10, page 1039

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Mercies Anew

1. Ev'ry morning that breaks there are mercies anew.
Ev'ry breath that I take is Your faithfulness proved,
And at the end of each day, when my labors are through,
I will sing of Your mercies anew.
2. When I've fallen and strayed there were mercies anew.
For You sought me in love and my heart You pursued.
In the face of my sin, Lord, You never withdrew.
So I sing of Your mercies anew.
*(Chorus) And Your mercies they will never end;
For ten thousand years they remain.
And when this world's beauty has passed away,
Your mercies will be unchanged.*
3. And when the storms swirl and rage, there are mercies anew.
In affliction and pain, You will carry me through,
And at the end of my days, when Your throne fills my view,
I will sing of Your mercies anew, I will sing of Your mercies anew.

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Preparatory Before the Throne

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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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying
breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
*Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I
know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom. (repeat)*

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Brad Kinnison
Opening Hymn Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days!
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He will die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.
Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.
Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free.
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends;
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.
Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days!
Over all God reigns for ever, through all ages He is king;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing!
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Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory #21 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Preparatory By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not
by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their
hearts, of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and
justice reign.
*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our
soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by
faith and not by sight.*
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would
appear with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise
triumphant from the grave.
By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost to
deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.
*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our
soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by
faith and not by sight.*
By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall
prevail, for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His
name.
*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our
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Alex DiPrima