## **Mercy For Today**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22–23)

God's mercies are new every morning because each day only has enough mercy in it for that day. God appoints every day's troubles. And God appoints every day's mercies. In the life of his children, they are perfectly appointed. Jesus said, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34). Every day has its own mercies. Each is new every morning.

But we often tend to despair when we think that we may have to bear tomorrow's load on today's resources. God wants us to know: We won't. Today's mercies are for today's troubles. Tomorrow's mercies are for tomorrow's troubles.

Sometimes we wonder if we will have the mercy to stand in terrible testing. Yes, we will. Peter says, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you" (1 Peter 4:14). When the reviling comes, the Spirit of glory comes. It happened for Stephen as he was being stoned. It will happen for you. When the Spirit and the glory are needed, they will come.

The manna in the wilderness was given one day at a time. There was no storing up. That is the way we must depend on God's mercy. You do not receive today the strength to bear tomorrow's burdens. You are given mercies today for today's troubles.

Tomorrow the mercies will be new. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

- John Piper

# Events

TODAY Hawfields 3 PM
TODAY Congregational
Meeting 7 PM
TODAY Youth Meetings
7:00 PM
4/30 Fellowship Picnic
7:00 PM
5/6 Men's Prayer 7:30 AM

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Upcoming Events







### 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 **Nick Gaines** 

Opening Hymn #432 Jesus What a Friend for

Sinners

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-36, page 820

Pastoral Praver Offertory

Mercies Anew

- 1. Every morning that breaks there are mercies anew. Every 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

#### On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eve to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day; there God, the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

(Chorus with "echos")

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore, sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus with "echos")

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

(Chorus with "echos") (repeat chorus)

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Sermon

**Pastor Gary Hendrix** 

# **Evening Worship**

Call to Worship Pastor Bob Prentice Opening Hymn In My Heart

1. In my heart there is a stirring, one that did not start with me; A love to worship my Creator, to show His love for all to see. I will worship, I will honor, I will exalt the Lord above; All my days I'll sing the praises of His great redeeming love.

- 2. In my heart there is a treason, one that poisons all my love. Take my heart and consecrate it, wash it in Your cleansing flood. I will worship, I will honor, I will exalt the Lord above; All my days I'll sing the praises of His great redeeming love.
- 3. Tie me to the Rock unchanging, tie me to His wondrous cross. I'll fix my eyes upon the Savior, all other things I count as loss.

I will worship. I will honor. I will exalt the Lord above: All my days I'll sing the praises of His great redeeming love, (repeat chorus)

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12, page 617

Pastoral Prayer

#550 Jesus Priceless Treasure Offertory

Preparatory Speak O Lord

1. 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.

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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