

## The Honeymoon That Never Ends By John Piper

*As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (Isaiah 62:5)*

When God does good to his people it is not so much like a reluctant judge showing kindness to a criminal whom he finds despicable; it is like a bridegroom showing affection to his bride.

Sometimes we joke and say about a marriage, "The honeymoon is over." But that's because we are finite. We can't sustain a honeymoon level of intensity and affection. But God says that his joy over his people is like a bridegroom over a bride. And he doesn't mean it starts out that way and then fades.

He is talking about honeymoon

intensity and honeymoon pleasures and honeymoon energy and excitement and enthusiasm and enjoyment. He is trying to get into our hearts what he means when he says he rejoices over us with all his heart. Jeremiah 32:41, "I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul." Zephaniah 3:17, "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

With God the honeymoon never ends. He is infinite in power and wisdom and creativity so that there will be no boredom for the next trillion ages of millennia.

### Events

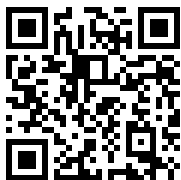
TODAY Fellowship Picnic  
7 PM

6/21 & 6/28 Youth Bible  
Study 7:15 PM

6/25 Congregational  
Meeting 7 PM

6/29 7th-8th Grade Book  
Study 7 PM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



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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**  
**Opening Hymn**

**Pastor Stu Johnston**  
**Behold What Manner**

**(singing 4 times, follow instructions on screen for Verses 2 & 3 in "round")**

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us.

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us,

That we should be called the sons of God, that we should be called  
the sons of God.

*Behold, What Manner of Love-* Text: 1 John 3: 1 Music: Patricia Van Tine © 1978 MARANATHA! Music  
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**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow

May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day

May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,

That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;

I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red

Life that shall endless be, life that shall endless be.

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**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 18:1-20, page 823**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory**

**#402 Amazing Grace**

**Preparatory**

**Be Thou My Vision**

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;

I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,

Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart

High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

## Evening Worship

**Call to Worship**  
**Opening Hymn**

**Pastor Charles Fortner**  
**#400 Come Thou Fount**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

**Offertory**

**Prayer**

**Preparatory**

**Matthew 18:21-35, page 823**

**#535 How Good It Is**

**Nearer, Still Nearer**

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savior – so precious Thou art!

Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast.

Shelter me safe in that haven of rest; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King –

Only my sinful, now contrite heart.

Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart; Grant me the cleansing Thy blood

doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,

All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride.

Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast;

Thro' endless ages ever to be

Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee; Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

Amen

Text and Music: Lelia N. Morris

**Sermon**

**Pastor Andy Dunkerton**