

**April 25, 2021**

**Order of Worship**

Meditation: 1 Peter 2:21-23 ESV

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 32:11-33:1 ESV

\* Song: *Shout to the Lord* (SFW 57)

\* Opening Prayer

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Assurance of Pardon: Proverbs 28:13 ESV

Song: *His Mercy is More*

Congregational Prayer: Jack Ferrante, Elder

\* Hymn: *Like a River Glorious* (TH 699)

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Sermon Series: *Kingdom Living: Believer's Response to Enemies* - part 1

Pastor Jeff Landis

\* Song: *Whom Shall I Fear* (*God of Angel Armies*)

\* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Lord's Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Doxology* (TH 731)

**Meditation:** 1 Peter 2:21-23 ESV

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly."

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 32:11-33:1 ESV

"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**33** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright."

**Shout to the Lord SFW 57**

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King;  
mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;  
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

[Repeat]

**Law of God:** Matthew 22:34-40 ESV

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

## **We Have Not Known Thee TH 493**

(Verses 1-4)

1 We have not known thee as we ought,  
nor learned thy wisdom, grace, and pow'r:  
the things of earth have filled our thought,  
and trifles of the passing hour.  
Lord, give us light thy truth to see,  
and make us wise in knowing thee.

2 We have not feared thee as we ought,  
nor bowed beneath thine awesome eye,  
nor guarded deed and word and thought,  
remembering that God was nigh.  
Lord, give us faith to know thee near,  
and grant the grace of holy fear.

3 We have not loved thee as we ought,  
nor cared that we are loved by thee;  
thy presence we have coldly sought,  
and feebly longed thy face to see.  
Lord, give a pure and loving heart  
to feel and own the love thou art.

4 We have not served thee as we ought;  
alas! The duties left undone,  
the work with little fervor wrought,  
the battles lost, or scarcely won!  
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,  
for thee to toil, for thee to fight.

**Assurance of Pardon:** Proverbs 28:13 ESV

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

## **His Mercy is More**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.  
[Chorus]

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.  
[Chorus X2]

**Congregational Prayer:** Jack Ferrante, Elder

Praise the Lord every day this week for at least one blessing he has brought into your life in the previous 24 hours.

Praise the Lord that California has some of the lowest Covid cases in the nation. Pray that the Lord would give us grace that these numbers would remain low. Pray that the huge number of cases in India would come under control.

Pray for Pastor Soud and Karissa as they travel to Florida this week. Pray especially for Pastor Soud as he preaches at presbytery, is examined for transfer, and as the church plant proposal is presented to the presbytery for approval.

Pray that the Lord will be gracious to our unsaved loved ones and draw them to Christ and salvation.

Pray for members of our Presbytery Home Missions Committee that they would make progress in finding the right man to serve as a regional home missionary for Northern California and Nevada.

## Like a River Glorious TH 699

1. Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
over all victorious in its bright increase;  
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,  
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

2. Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,  
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. [Refrain]

3. Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,  
traced upon our dial by the sun of Love.  
We may trust him fully all for us to do;  
They who trust him wholly find him wholly true. [Refrain]

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:38-42 ESV

<sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup>And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup>And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup>Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

**Sermon Series: *Kingdom Living -  
Believer's Response to Enemies - part 1*  
Pastor Jeff Landis**

## Introduction

### I. Jewish Misapplication of God's Law

A. Believed in the practice of retaliation.

B. Misinterpreted Old Testament teaching

### II. Jesus' Reapplication of God's Law

A. V. 39 – Don't resist

B. Better to suffer loss than to retaliate

C. Christ gives four illustrations of the principle

## Conclusion

## Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

1. You hear me when I call,  
You are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night,  
it cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear?

2. You crush the enemy  
underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield  
though troubles linger still.  
Whom shall I fear?

### *Chorus*

I know who goes before me,  
I know who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies  
is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies  
is always by my side.

3. My strength is in Your name  
for You alone can save.  
You will deliver me,  
Yours is the victory!  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I fear? (Chorus)

### *Bridge*

And nothing formed against me shall stand.  
You hold the whole world in Your hands.  
I'm holding on to Your promises,  
You are faithful, You are faithful. (Chorus)

## Doxology TH 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Which of Jesus' four illustrations do you believe would be most difficult for you to do?
2. The Law of Retribution is given in three Old Testament passages. What is the context of each one and how does the application differ?
  - a) Exodus 21:24
  - b) Leviticus 24:20
  - c) Deuteronomy 19:21
3. Paul refers to his rights in 1 Corinthians 9:4-6, 12. What were his rights? What example is Paul setting?
4. Romans 12:17-19 conveys the same point that Jesus did in our text. What are the main points that Paul makes in those verses?
5. If you think of the Sermon on the Mount as an ordered message in which each part builds on the earlier parts, which it is, how does the former part of the sermon relate to our text?
6. Is there someone in your life you consider an enemy (no names, please)? How will Jesus' teaching impact the way you respond to them?