

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Order of Worship

Meditation: Psalm 86:5 ESV

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer and Blessing

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:28-29, 34

* Opening Hymn: *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord (TH 6)*

* Opening Prayer

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (TH 457)*

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Soud

Song of Preparation: *His Mercy is More*

Sermon Passage: Mark 2:1-16; 2:23-3:12 ESV

Sermon Series: "Mercy Heals; Legalism Kills"

Pastor Mark Soud

* Song: *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (TH 257)*

The Lord's Supper

Tithes and Offerings

* Benediction

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

Meditation: Psalm 86:5 ESV

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:28-29, 34 ESV

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Outline

Introduction

I. Jesus' Mercy Toward Sinners

A. Summarized

B. Jesus' Claims to Divinity

C. Evidences of Jesus' Divinity

D. Jesus' Mercy the Greatest Empirical Evidence of His Divinity

E. Jesus' Mercy Attracts Sinners

II. The Legalists' Hardness Toward Sinners and Jesus

A. Not Legalists because Concerned with Keeping God's Law

B. Legalists because Ignored Weightier Aspects of Law

C. Also because of Pride and Additional Rules

D. Profile of Legalists from Passage

III. Who Are We Most Like?

A. Crowds?

B. Friends of Needy?

C. Peter?

D. Pharisees?

E. Jesus?

Conclusion

Scripture Reading: Mark 2:1-16; 2:23-3:12 ESV

2 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home."

¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat^[b] with tax collectors and sinners?"

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶ how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷ And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴ And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord TH 6

1 O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
and all within me bless his holy name;
bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

Refrain:

Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

2 Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.
(Refrain)

3 His love is like a father's to his children,
tender and kind to all who fear his name;
for well he knows our weakness and our frailty,
he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.
(Refrain)

4 We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear.
(Refrain)

5 High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion
bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.
(Refrain)

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing TH 457

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -
prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

His Mercy is More

1 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.

Chorus

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

2 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]

3 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]

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted TH 257

Verses 1, 3, 4

1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we
boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have
built.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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Amen, amen, amen,
amen, amen, amen.