

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF DIVINE JUDGEMENT

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Scripture Reader: Katherine Hickman

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#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Quotes and Reflections**

"Modern man is betting his eternal destiny that there is no final judgment." — R.C. Sproul

"Legitimate war is God's exercise of punishment for those who have exhausted the opportunity of mercy." — August H. Konkel

"...the land belongs to his 'holy sphere', and is given only to those whom he has designated 'holy'. The underlying concept is that whatever is not 'holy' cannot come into Yahweh's presence." — J.G. McConville

"We are very interested in death but we rarely speak about judgment."

— Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

#### The Sure Judgement of God – ligonier.org

God's Word, Hebrews 4:12 tells us, is sharp and true. It cannot fail to penetrate to the core of our being and accomplish the job that the Lord has for it. It is powerful and active, "discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

The Word of God does this, of course, because it is the message of the omniscient (all-knowing), omnibenevolent (all-good), and omnipotent (all-powerful) Creator. Today's passage emphasizes this truth, particularly the truth of God's omniscience, by referring to the fact that "no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account" (v. 13). Try as we might to escape the Lord's holy gaze, there is nowhere that we can hide from our Maker. The darkness cannot conceal us. We cannot ever go high enough or low enough to evade God's judgment (Ps. 139:7–12). No matter how hard we might try to avoid the Lord, His knowledge of us is sure and true.

It is easy for us to forget this truth. So often, we are content to go about our business and not remember that God sees everything that we do, feel, and think. That is one of the reasons we fall into sin, is it not? After all, if we were to remain conscious that the perfectly holy Judge takes into account everything that we do, feel, and think, we might be less inclined to transgress His law or to fail to observe it. If we were to keep the reality of His judgment before us, we might not treat His Word so flippantly by failing to obey it.

We do not often tremble in awe before God's Word, but the one who trembles at this Word God will look upon with favor (Isa. 66:2). The proper response to hearing the words of the Lord is to quake with awe at His holiness and goodness. That, in fact, is how the author of Hebrews expects us to respond to the warning he gives in 3:7–4:13. He has just delivered a message from God's Word, reminding us of the severity of judgment against all who reject His message. That message is Jesus Christ Himself as revealed in the Old and New Testaments. Rejecting Him in favor of anything else, even the (good but now outdated and fulfilled) old covenant system, is to fail to treat God and His Word with the awe that it deserves. It is to open ourselves up to the sword of divine judgment. We are dealing here not with trivial matters but with the most consequential issues that we will ever face. We must remain in faith, continuing to trust in Christ.

We will understand the Bible rightly only if we remember that it is the Word of the all-powerful and all-holy God. It is vital that we approach the Scriptures with respect and awe for the One who inspired them. Proper interpretation involves not only applying sound rules of interpretation but also reading the Scriptures with love and honor for our Creator.

## Song of Preparation

#### Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson





#### Turnaround





# Bridge









#### Call to Worship—Psalm 68 (selected)

Leader: The righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before

God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him.

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,

and whose power is in the skies.

People: Awesome is God is his sanctuary; the God of Israel, he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

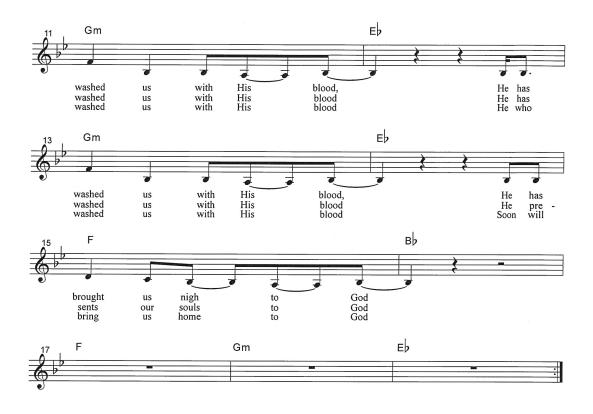
## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor





- 4. Let us wonder grace and justice
  Join and point to mercy's store
  When through grace in Christ our trust is
  Justice smiles and asks no more
  He who washed us with His blood
  He who washed us with His blood
  He who washed us with His blood
  Has secured our way to God
- 5. Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high Here they trusted Him before us Now their praises fill the sky Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou art worthy Lamb of God

## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Trinity Hymnal #30

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—Acts 1:6-14

The Ascension

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of

the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

#### WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

#### Call to Confession—1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Peter 5:10

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for calling us into

his eternal glory in Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

## \*Song of Rejoicing

## Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Matt Papa, Keith Getty



Missions Commissioning Lily Polski, Shane Roberts, Allison Schmidt

### WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

God Really Loves Us

Ben Glover, Donte Bowe, David Crowder, and Jeff Sojka. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

#### Sermon

"The Lord of the Land"

A Series on the Book of Deuteronomy

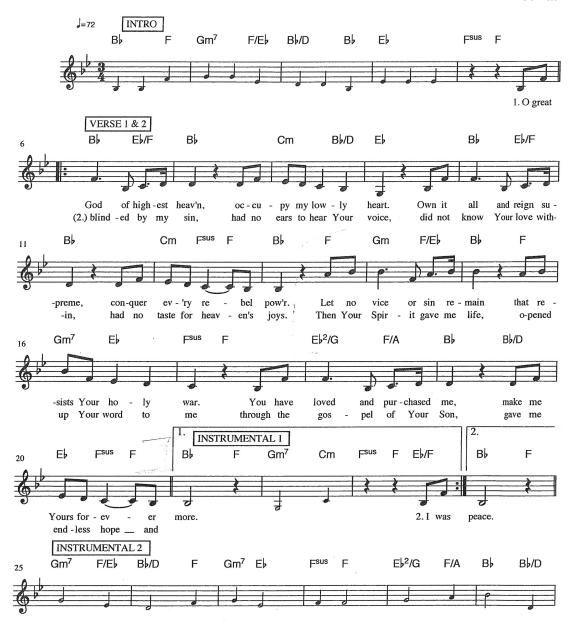
Deuteronomy 2:26-3:22

Rev. Pablo Rosales

## Song of Response

## O Great God

Bob Kauflin





#### \*Benediction

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday school for all ages meet today. A list of classes and locations can be found on the bulletin insert.

Women's Bible Studies: Two Tues, a month a group meets in the evenings to discuss Psalm 23 (next gathering: 5/23). The Wed. study is on hiatus.

Volunteers today: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, D. Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Reynolds, McCall, Josie Standerfer, Broughton, J. Petty. SS: Schmidt, D. Nichols. CC: K. Standerfer, Inion. Next Sunday: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith. Nursery: L. Nichols, Poe, S. Hendricks, Marcus, Keating. SS: Hall, Bava. CC: Sweet, Doiron.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Jun. 10 from 8-9:30am. RSVP to Kyle Roberts or use the QR code to the right.

Ladies Connect: Mon., May 22 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

Make plans to join us for our **Summer Discussion** Series events from 6-7:30pm. More details will follow, but here are the topics and dates: June 7-Transgenderism and Gender Dysphoria, June 29 (adjusted date from original)- Christianity, Politics and Patriotism, Aug. 2- Disagreeing Biblically.

Ladies, we are excited to announce that we have an overnight retreat coming the evening of Aug. 11the afternoon of Aug. 12. Make sure to save the date!

Jr. High Lock-In: Jun.9-10 (friends encouraged). Senior High, be sure to RSVP for the SH Retreat on July 7-9 by Jun. 11. You can use the QR code to the right, then scroll to the event and register.

Children nursery-5th grace and their families, join us for Summer Kickoff on Sat., Jun. 10 from 3:30-7pm for inflatables, activities, crafts, music, and fun! A hot dog dinner will be served at 5pm. Register by using the QR code to the right.

If you would like to receive the monthly Children's Ministry Newsletter, please send your email address to: melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

If you do not receive our weekly email updates on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

There are several easy ways to serve at Trinity. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved: Ushers: Paul Schaffer: Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org, **Greeters**: James Broughton (ilbroughton12@gmail.com), Nursery:

Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com). Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocker

(Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can sign up for all upcoming events by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then following the link:



## SAVE THE DATE(S)

As summer approaches we want to give you a few dates to add to your calendar:

Summer Discussion Series-(dates to the left)

Children's Ministry Summer Kickoff-Jun. 10

Bike Night-Jun. 21 Lawn Games Night- July 5 Summer Splash- July 19 Prayer & Praise- Aug. 6 Women's Retreat- Aug 11-12



Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to exalt God's name, establish God's people, equip God's church and engage God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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