



Crossway Multinational Church

We will begin around 10AM
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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
 and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. *Proverbs 9:10*

fear = worship and submission

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 Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early!

July 11, 2021

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Welcome to Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is
for, of and by
 the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for church e-mails
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		
JULY	11				16	17
	18				23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30
AUGUST	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Crossway Meal after the worship service!
 An indoor "picnic"
 You are invited to stay even if you hadn't planned on it

Prayer gathering, 4:30pm

You are invited to come in person!
<https://crosswaymchurch.org/worship-service/>

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Job opening: Administrative Assistant (part time)

We are looking to hire a part time administrative assistant

- Whether or not someone is a part of the Crossway community
- You are welcome to apply, and feel free to share with others

To learn more:
crosswaymchurch.org/hr.html
 Email: hr@crosswaymchurch.org

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Kids at Crossway

Kids are always welcome at Crossway!
 We will let you know when Junior Church begins for ages 3-6

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”
A special welcome to those who are visiting with us today!

Waving poll...

- You are an action oriented person
- You are more inclined to contemplation or relationships
- You are good at taking vacations
- You aren't so good at taking vacations, or they become “working vacations”
- You are eager to find rest in God today

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8

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

English

⇒ Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
全能真神，萬福源頭，
Quánnéng zhēnshén, wànfú yuántóu,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
懇求使我常歌頌；
kěqiú shǐ wǒ cháng gēsòng

Fount = source of good
tune = adjust
grace = love and forgiveness

9

streams of mercy, never ceasing,

恩澤無窮，不息湧流，

Ēnzé wúqióng, bù xī yǒngliú,

call for songs of loudest praise.

應當頌讚主恩寵；

yīngdāng sòng zàn zhǔ ēnchóng

streams = continuous flow
call for = make necessary

10

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

願主教我，優美音樂，

yuànzhǔjiào wǒ, yōuměi yīnyuè,

sung by flaming tongues above;

天使天軍常誦唱；

tiānshǐ tiān jūn cháng sòng chàng;

melodious sonnet = beautiful song
flaming tongues = the voices of angels

11

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

讚美我主，救恩穩妥，

zànměi wǒ zhǔ, jiù ēn wěntuǒ,

mount of Thy redeeming love.

永遠堅定愛深長。

yǒngyuǎn jiǎndìng ài shēncháng

mount = Mount Zion, a sign of God's love
fixed = staying forever

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Chinese

This my glad commemoration
 我要立石，以便以謝，
 → Wǒ yào lìshí, yǐbiàn yǐ xiè,
that 'til now I've safely come;
 蒙主幫助到如今；
 méng zhǔ bāngzhù dào rújīn;

commemoration = remembrance
'til = until

13

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
 尚望恩主，一生導引，
 shàng wàng ēn zhǔ, yīshēng dǎo yǐn,
safely to arrive at home.
 安抵天家蒙福蔭；
 ān dǐ tiān jiā méng fú yīn;

at home = be with God

14

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 我本失喪，遠離父家，
 wǒ běn shī sàng, yuǎnlí fù jiā,
wandering from the fold of God;
 耶穌親自來引路；
 yēsū qīnzì lái yǐnlù;

sought = searched for
fold of God = within God's protection

15

He, to rescue me from danger,
 恩主救我，免於危險，
 ēn zhǔ jiù wǒ, miǎn yú wéixiǎn,
interposed His precious blood.
 流出寶血洗罪污。
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interposed = inserted for protection
His precious blood = Jesus' death on the cross

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Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 浩大恩典，每日加添，
Hàodà ēndiǎn, měi rì jiā tiān,
 daily I'm constrained to be!
 主恩難報永虧欠；
zhǔ ēn nán bào yǒng kuīqiàn;

grace = God's great love and forgiveness
debtor = one who owes
constrained = forced (because I daily do wrong)

21

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
 願主恩惠，如鏈相牽，
yuàn zhǔ ēnhuì, rú liàn xiāng qiān,
bind my wandering heart to Thee:
 繫我心與主相連；
xì wǒ xīn yǔ zhǔ xiānglián;

fetter = chain, restraint
bind = fasten

22

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 主我深知，內心軟弱，
zhǔ wǒ shēn zhī, nèixīn ruǎnrúo,
prone to leave the God I love:
 總是偏行走己路；
zǒng shì piān xíngzǒu jǐ lù;

Prone = likely to

23

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
 獻我身心，求加烙印，
xiàn wǒ shēnxīn, qiú jiā làoyìn,
seal it for Thy courts above.
 與主同在蒙祝福。
yǔ zhǔ tóng zài méng zhǔfú.

seal it = fasten it securely
courts above = heaven

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1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
 the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

cross = Jesus' death for us
perishing = separated from God
frustrate = show its emptiness

26

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law?
 Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made
 foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its
 wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the
foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

teacher of the law = Jewish religious experts
philosopher of this age = highly respected Greeks
foolishness of what was preached = being saved by a crucified savior

27

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we
 preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and
 foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called,
 both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the
 wisdom of God.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
 and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

signs = miracles

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Immortal, Invisible
 不能朽，不能見

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
 不能朽，不能見，獨一的真神
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 住在不可迫視的光輝之境

God only wise = the one true God
Inaccessible = not able to reach or see God

29

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
 最可頌，最榮耀，亙古永長存
 Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise
 又全能，又全勝，讚美主大名

Ancient of Days = a name for God
Thy = your

30

Unresting, unhashting, and silent as light
 不止息，不焦急，如光無聲息
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
 無缺乏，無耗損，掌權以能力

Unresting = always doing good
 Unhashting = never in a hurry
 nor wanting = has all He needs
 nor wasting = not decaying or getting tired
 Thou rulest = You rule

31

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 祢判斷憑公義如高山巍立
 Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love
 祢施恩又施愛如雲普及

soaring above = pure and solid justice
 fountains = source

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To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small
 賜生命與氣息予大小生靈
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all
 活在萬有中，惟祢是真生命

Thou = you (old English)
 in all life Thou livest = God keeps living things alive

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we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
 我們有如花草，今朝雖茂盛
 and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee
 明朝即枯殘，惟祢永不變更

wither = become dry and decayed
 naught = does not

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Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
 榮耀之父四射純潔的光輝
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
 寶座前，天使無不掩面侍立

Thine = your (old English)
 Thee = you (old English)
 veiling their sight = shading their eyes from the overwhelming glory

35

all praise we would render: oh, help us to see
 我們向祢讚美，使我們領會
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee
 只是神聖光華今將祢隱蔽

render = give
 'tis = it is
 splendor = magnificent appearance
 hideth Thee = God's glory is so great, we cannot look at Him

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How Great is Our God (Chinese)

The splendor of the King,
 真神榮耀光輝
 clothed in majesty,
 潔白光明聖衣
 let all the earth rejoice,
 全地同來讚美
 all the earth rejoice.
 我們來讚美

splendor = wonderful appearance

37

He wraps himself in Light,
 神榮光滿全身
 and darkness tries to hide
 黑暗夜無可躲
 and trembles at His voice,
 聽祂聲動全地
 trembles at His voice.
 祂聲動全地

wraps himself in Light = clothed in glory (Psalm 104:2)

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How great is our God!
 我神真偉大
 Sing with me: How great is our God!
 同聲唱我神真偉大
 And all will see how great,
 同來看我神
 how great is our God.
 我神真偉大!

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And age to age He stands
 從亙古到萬代
 and time is in His hands,
 祂必永遠信實
 beginning and the end,
 今時直到永遠
 beginning and the end.
 今時直到永遠

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The Godhead, three in one,
 聖父, 聖子, 聖靈
 Father, Spirit, Son,
 大哉三一神
 the Lion and the Lamb,
 神聖的羔羊
 Lion and the Lamb.
 猶大的壯獅

Godhead = the person on God
 three in one = the "Trinity"
 Lion and the Lamb = 2 images of Jesus; power and humility

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 同來看我神
 how great is our God.
 我神真偉大!

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'Cause You're the Name above all names,
 因 祢 名 至 聖 尊 榮
 and worthy of all praise.
 祢 是 配 受 大 讚 美
 And my heart will sing:
 我 全 心 歌 頌
 How great is our God.
 我 神 真 偉 大

43

You're the Name above all names,
 祢 的 名 超 越 萬 名
 and worthy of all praise.
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 And my heart will sing:
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 How great is our God.
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How great is our God!
 我 神 真 偉 大
 Sing with me: How great is our God!
 同 聲 唱 我 神 真 偉 大
 And all will see how great,
 同 來 看 我 神
 how great is our God.
 我 神 真 偉 大!

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Then sings my soul,
 我 靈 歌 唱
 my Savior God, to Thee,
 讚 美 救 主 我 神
 how great Thou art,
 祢 真 偉 大
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 同 來 看 我 神
 how great is our God.
 我 神 真 偉 大!

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Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
 Who else could make every king bow down?
 Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
 Only a Holy God!

hosts of heaven = angels

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What other beauty demands such praises?
 What other splendor outshines the sun?
 What other majesty rules with justice?
 Only a Holy God!

demands = requires
splendor = magnificence, grandeur
majesty = royal power

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Come and behold Him,
 the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
 forever a Holy God.
 Come and worship the Holy God.

behold = see, study
Cry out = Shout out loud

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What other glory consumes like fire?
 What other power can raise the dead?
 What other name remains undefeated?
 Only a Holy God.

consumes = overwhelms and destroys smaller glories

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Who else could rescue me from my failing?
 Who else would offer His only Son?
 Who else invites me to call Him Father?
 Only a Holy God.
 Only my Holy God.

failing = immoral actions and attitudes
Son = Jesus Christ

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**Children 3 through 6 years old
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 Junior Church**



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Prayer of Confession

“Search me, God, and know my heart;
 test me and know my anxious thoughts.
 See if there is any offensive way in me,
 and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 139:23-24

Head: our thoughts
Hear: our attitudes, relationships, and emotions
Hands: our actions

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Words of Assurance

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross,
 so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;
 “by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:24

sins = attitudes, words, and actions that are immoral or disloyal to God

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十字架 Shizijia Chinese
The Cross

耶穌背負十架 為我擔當過犯
 Yēsū bēi fù shí jià, wèi wǒ dān dāng guò fàn,
Thank You, my Jesus, for you carried my sins
 毫無保留為我捨命在十架上
 Háo wú bǎo liú wèi wǒ shě mìng zài shí jiá shàng
Without hesitation, You gave Your life for me.

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祢受鞭傷 我得醫治

Nǐ shòu biān shāng, wǒ dé yī zhì,

With every wound, with every bruise,

祢受刑罰 我得自由釋放

Nǐ shòu xíng fá, wǒ dé zì yóu shì fàng,

I've been redeemed, I've been completely healed

redeemed = rescued

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十字架 十字架 耶穌以愛覆蓋我

Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, Yēsū yǐ ài fù gài wǒ

By the cross, by the cross,

love has covered all my sins.

十字架 十字架 祢寶血為我流下

Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, Nǐ bǎo xiě wéi wǒ liú xià

By the cross, by the cross,

Jesus' blood was shed for me

cross = Jesus' death and resurrection
covered = forgiven
blood was shed = died

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十字架 十字架 我得救贖的記號

Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, wǒ dé jiù shù de jì hào,

It's the cross, it's the cross,

I am marked with salvation

十字架 十字架 是我永遠的榮耀

Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, shì wǒ yǒng yuǎn de róng yào

It's the cross, it's the cross,

it's my glory evermore.

marked with = guaranteed to receive
salvation = rescue from sin and death

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With every wound, with every bruise,
 祢受鞭傷 我得醫治
Nǐ shòu biān shāng, wǒ dé yī zhì,
 I've been redeemed, I've been completely healed
 祢受刑罰 我得自由釋放
Nǐ shòu xíng fá, wǒ dé zì yóu shì fàng,

redeemed = rescued

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By the cross, by the cross,
 love has covered all my sins.
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Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, Yēsū yǐ ài fù gài wǒ
 By the cross, by the cross,
 Jesus' blood was shed for me
 十字架 十字架 祢寶血為我流下
Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, Nǐ bǎo xiě wéi wǒ liú xià

cross = Jesus' death and resurrection
 covered = forgiven
 blood was shed = died

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It's the cross, it's the cross,
 I am marked with salvation
 十字架 十字架 我得救贖的記號
Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, wǒ dé jiù shú de jì hào,
 It's the cross, it's the cross,
 it's my glory evermore.
 十字架 十字架 是我永遠的榮耀
Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, shì wǒ yǒng yuǎn de róng yào

marked with = guaranteed to receive
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In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever
 我贖罪都洗清潔、唯靠耶穌寶血
Wǒ shú zuì dōu xǐ qīng jié, wéi kào Yēsū bǎo xiě
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest
beyond the river.

ransomed = rescued
 beyond the river = after death

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Prayer of Intercession

“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.”
 So the man went away and told all over town
 how much Jesus had done for him.” *Luke 8:39*

Have you experienced the goodness of God in the Gospel?

- **Tell people how much God has done for you!**
- **Christians and not-yet Christians**

Pray for:

- Crossway events specifically for sharing new life in the Gospel
- Pray for wisdom, creativity, boldness, and humility
- Our personal initiative to share the hope of the Gospel with others
- Prayer for wisdom, creativity, boldness, and humility

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Silent Killers

Something invisible yet deadly

What are some examples related to...

- **Physical wellbeing?**
- **Emotional wellbeing?**
- **Spiritual wellbeing?**

We invite God to help us see the great danger of silent killers in our hearts...

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“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. **Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**”

Hebrews 4:12-13

marrow = the inner parts of bones

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In God’s Eyes
Luke 11:37-54

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Luke

Luke’s big purpose

- Shape us as genuine disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ

Luke 11

- God is generous and good, and He loves to give good gifts
- And yet, there are **unexpected dangers for our hearts**
 - There is no neutral ground with Jesus: either for or against
 - A well-ordered life without the Spirit of God is in danger of being filled with evil
 - An unhealthy “eye” can fill one’s whole being with darkness
- Even in the most unexpected places...

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Luke 11:37-38

When Jesus had finished speaking, a **Pharisee** invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.

**Most highly respected people in society
Seen as being closest to God
Super careful about being good
& religious "cleanliness"**

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Luke 11:37-54

37-38: A meal that turned into a confrontation

- Pharisees required ceremonial washing after being in public
- Surprisingly, Jesus didn't do that
 - Going directly from the public space to a meal gave the Pharisee the chance to see what Jesus did
- He was even more surprised by Jesus' attack!
 - It seems that neither the Pharisee nor the expert in the law expected to be the target of such a rebuke
- Why include such strong attacks against religious leaders?
 - We are at risk for the same errors
 - Remember: they were seen as people who were closest to God

39-44: • We also can be very wrong about who is honoring God

45-52: • Whether ourselves or others

53-54:

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Luke 11:39-44

Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

"**Woe to you** Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, **rue** and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

rue = a plant used for seasoning

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Luke 11:39-44

"**Woe to you** Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

"**Woe to you**, because you are like **unmarked graves**, which people walk over without knowing it."

**Touching a grave made you unclean
They marked the graves so that wouldn't happen by accident
Yet these religious leaders were the unmarked graves!
→ They made people unclean without either one knowing it
→ Like a doctor who is spreading the virus**

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Luke 11:37-54

37-38: A meal that turned into a confrontation

39-44: Jesus rebuked the Pharisees

- Jesus was shockingly inappropriate culturally!
- They appeared to be honoring God
- **They emphasized certain external rules**
 - Must wash after being around spiritually common people
 - Made biblical rules stricter to prevent breaking the Bible
- Certainly Jesus knew what He was doing when not washing
- Rather than explaining His actions, He rebuked them!
- God made both inside and outside, so both matter
 - Justice (horizontal) and loving God (vertical) are much bigger!
 - Sometimes Christians argue against doing justly!

45-52: • Hypocrites = inside is not the same as outside

53-54: • That is **every one of us!**

 • **They paid little attention to inner, unseen issues**

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Luke 11:45-52

One of the **experts in the law** answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also."

Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, **woe to you**, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

**Experts in understanding the Old Testament laws
Experts in understanding Jewish traditions that "built on"
Old Testament laws
Created "fences" around Old Testament laws to prevent
people from doing anything close to wrong**

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Luke 11:45-52

“Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

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Luke 11:45-52

“Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.”

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Luke 11:37-54

37-38: A meal that turned into a confrontation

39-44: Jesus rebuked the Pharisees

45-52: Jesus rebuked the legal experts

- They expected that Jesus wouldn’t rebuke them!
- About the **prophets**
 - They appeared to honor the prophets
 - Yet they are just like their ancestors in opposing the prophets
- About the **Bible**
 - They appeared to honor the Bible
 - They could “prove” their position by quoting the Bible
 - Yet they were blocking the Bible’s value for people!
- Not gathering with Jesus, they were scattering
- One can “prove your case” using the Bible

53-54: and yet still be opposing God

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Luke 11:53-54

When Jesus went outside, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, waiting to catch him in something he might say.

besiege = attack him with many questions

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Luke 11:37-54

37-38: A meal that turned into a confrontation

39-44: Jesus rebuked the Pharisees

45-52: Jesus rebuked the legal experts

53-54: The Pharisees & legal experts plotted against Jesus

- Storytelling: mentioning the start of the meal and the end of the meal completes this unit
- These religious leaders were opposing Jesus just like their ancestors opposed the prophets
- They responded to the rebuke of God by opposing God even more
 - A picture of sin in our hearts...

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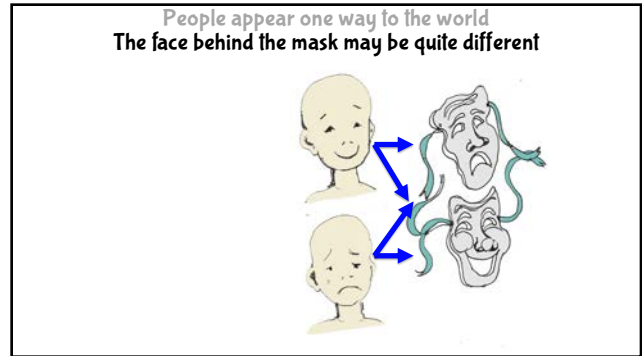
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**God sees and values
both what is internal/invisible and what is external/public,
which puts every single one of us in great need
of the grace of God**

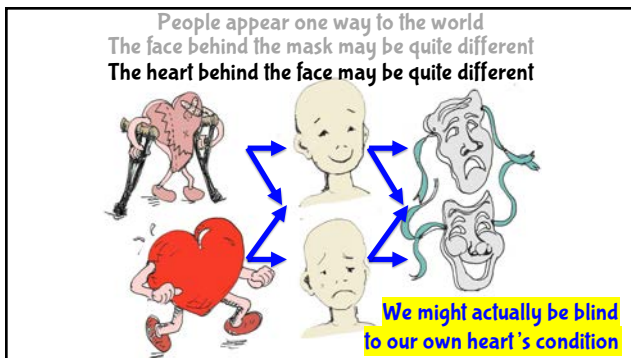
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- there are **visible killers** with visible symptoms
 - dishonesty, slander, substance abuse, laziness, sexual sin, ...
- there are **invisible killers** that are silent and hidden killers
 - pride, lust, greed, bitterness, "socially acceptable" anger, ...
- **invisible killers are a far greater danger for "mature" Christians!**

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Visible rules

Why we often like (certain) visible rules

1. Security in being able to judge others
 - Outrunning a bear
 - As long as there are people worse than I...
2. Find peace in the clarity of seeing good and bad people
3. Sense of security in things we can control
 - I may struggle with angry thoughts, but at least I don't kill anyone!
 - "But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment." *Matthew 5:22*
4. I can (sometimes) clean myself up to be more presentable to people, to myself, and to God (I imagine)

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Visible rules

Why we often like (certain) visible rules

Yet these rules hide the silent killers all the more!

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Application

Value both internal/invisible and external**God cares about our hearts (internal):**

- “But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**”” *1 Samuel 16:7*

God cares about our actions (external):

- “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith **but has no deeds?** Can such faith save them?” *James 2:14*

“From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.” *Psalm 33:13–15*

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Application

Value both internal/invisible and external/visible

Just like the Pharisees, we are so often convinced

that what we can see is all that really matters

- In other people
- In ourselves

Yet God also looks at the heart and what is unseen

And that should bring a holy fear

- About how we judge and praise other people
- About how we judge and praise ourselves
- “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” *Hebrews 4:13*

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Application

Use external action to pursue internal growth

“But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.” *Luke 11:41*

Don’t wait for heart change to engage in action change

- **Rather, use change in action as a fool to change our hearts**

So...obey God’s commands in faith, trusting that He will change our hearts to delight in His ways.

For example...

- To grow in generosity → give
- To grow in loving your enemy → pray for and do good to them
- To grow in rejoicing → choose to rejoice now
- To grow in forgiveness → choose to forgive now

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Application

Humbly confess and take action to follow God

“The real thing to fear is not what other people think but what God will declare in the courts of heaven on the Day of Judgment.”

Pointing out people who are less good than us is no help

- Even if we can ‘prove’ our rightness **from Scripture**, we might still be completely wrong!
- Human praise can be a deadly yet silent killer

Jesus is the standard by which we will be praised & rebuked

- We all desperately need the wisdom and the grace of God!

Our hidden sin (attitudes, will, desires) are silent killers!

Being guided by human praise or critique will kill us

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The Big Idea

God sees and values both the internal/invisible and the external/public, which puts every single one of us in great need of the grace of God

We desperately need God’s work to transform how we see ourselves and each other

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“Search me, God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, **Confession**

and **lead me** in the way everlasting.”

Action

Psalm 139:23-24

Value both internal/invisible and external/visible

Use external action to pursue internal growth

Humbly confess and take action to follow God

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From every people and tribe,
 every nation and tongue,
 He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
 to reign with the Son

reign = have authority in Jesus' kingdom

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Is He worthy?
 Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
 Is He worthy?
 Is He worthy?
 Is He worthy of this?
 He is.
 Is He worthy, is He worthy?
 He is. He is.

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