

Crossway
Multinational
Church

We will begin around 10AM
Technical difficulties?
Text or call (517) 897-6814

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
Psalm 113:3

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

July 18, 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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Prayer gathering, 4:30pm					
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	The Lord's Supper						
AUGUST	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Family Room Zoom #3					
		For those who came to the "Beauty of Ethnicity" session					
	8				12	13	14

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 enjoy watching the NBA and are excited about the Finals!
- You're not sure what "NBA" is or that the Finals were happening
- You enjoy playing sports
- You prefer to exercise in less competitive ways
- You are thankful that God made people different from each other
- You are thankful to be together today across our differences

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*This is the Day***(Spanish)***Este Es El Día*

*“The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.” Psalm 118:24*

- This is the day, this is the day
Este es el día, Este es el día,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
Que el Señor creó, que el Señor creó
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
Me alegraré, me alegraré
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
Alabándole, alabándole

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→ This is the day that the Lord has made (Spanish)
Este es el día que el Señor creó
 We will rejoice and be glad in it
Me alegraré alabándole

Your song = praise to God
pass = will happen

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→ This is the day, this is the day (Spanish)
Este es el día, Este es el día,
 That the Lord has made
 Que el Señor creó

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Isaiah 45:18-25

For this is what the Lord says—
 he who created the heavens,
 he is God;
 he who fashioned and made the earth,
 he founded it;
 he did not create it to be empty,
 but formed it to be inhabited—
 he says:

fashioned = make into the desired shape (like pottery)

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“I am the Lord,
 and there is no other.
 I have not spoken in secret,
 from somewhere in a land of darkness;
 I have not said to Jacob’s descendants,
 ‘Seek me in vain.’
 I, the Lord, speak the truth;
 I declare what is right.

in vain = without success or value

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“Gather together and come;
 assemble, you fugitives from the nations.
 Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood,
 who pray to gods that cannot save.
 Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together.
 Who foretold this long ago,
 who declared it from the distant past?
 Was it not I, the Lord?
 And there is no God apart from me,
 a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

**fugitives = people who have escaped disaster
 take counsel = make plans**

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“Turn to me and be saved,
 all you ends of the earth;
 for I am God, and there is no other.
 By myself I have sworn,
 my mouth has uttered in all integrity
 a word that will not be revoked;
 Before me every knee will bow;
 by me every tongue will swear.

**uttered in all integrity = spoken in truth
 revoked = withdrawn, fail to be implemented**

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They will say of me, ‘In the Lord alone
are deliverance and strength.’”
All who have raged against him
will come to him and be put to shame.
But all the descendants of Israel
will find deliverance in the Lord
and will make their boast in him.

boast = joy and confidence

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From the Ends of the Earth

From the ends of the earth,
to the depths of the sea,
from the heights of the heavens,
Your name be praised.

*From the ends of the earth,
to the depths of the sea,
from the heights of the heavens,*

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From the hearts of the weak,
to the shouts of the strong,
from the lips of all people,
this song we raise, Lord.

*From the hearts of the weak,
to the shouts of the strong,
from the lips of all people,*

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Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises,
Lord Most High.
Exalted in every nation,
Sovereign of all creation,
Lord Most High, be magnified,
be magnified.

**endless ages = all time
crowned = honored
Exalted = praised
Sovereign of all creation = king over everything
magnified = praised**

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Promise of the Ages

God's saints of old through history told
 of the One who was to come;
 a Son, a King, a Lamb to be slain
 for the sins of all the world.

saints of old = people who trusted God long ago
One = Jesus Christ
slain = killed

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He's the Promise of the Ages,
 lifted up to save us,
 Jesus Christ our sacrifice.
 He's the Fount of living water,
 King and Friend forever,
bow before the Promise of the Ages.

Promise of the Ages = The Son of God whom God said would come
Fount = source of something good
living water = life-giving presence
bow before = worship

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In flesh He came, yet chose to remain
 with the outcast and the poor.
 He bled, He died, was raised, glorified,
 now He lives forever more!

In flesh = as a human being
outcast = people rejected by society
raised = came to life again

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Lift your hands and sing hallelujah
 to the King of all the earth.
 Raise your voice and sing hallelujah
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hallelujah = Praise be to God

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How long until the earth will be filled
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 when He shall come, when nations and tongues
 will be joined in glorious song?
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filled with knowledge = all peoples will know God
tongues = people from all language groups
glorious song = worship of God

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Hymn of the Savior

From the chaos of darkness Your word shaped the earth
 in Your image a people made
 But we traded perfection, the truth, for a lie
 and Your glory was veiled in shame

a people made = God's word formed Adam and Eve
we traded = we worshiped other things than God
veiled in shame = hidden when Christ took our sin as His own

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But a promise made, a blessing You gave,
 to a people of Your name
 For this broken world, a Saviour foretold
 to bear all our grief and pain

bear = carry

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When the heavenly Saviour descended His throne
 all my sin on His shoulders laid
 And to win our redemption, He suffered and died
 for the sake of my guilt and shame

descended = left His position of glory and authority
sin = words, attitudes, and actions that are immoral or disloyal to God
redemption = rescue
sake = because of

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Oh the price He paid in taking my place
 so that death was overcome
 When the King of love burst forth from the grave
 proclaiming the vict'r'y won

vict'r'y = victory

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At the end of the ages, the world passed away
 I will gaze on my Saviour's face
 When my heart is perfected and free from my sin
 I will rest in your glorious grace

world passed away = this broken life and its broken structures
gaze = look intently, in joy and worship
rest = find peace

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For the song we raise,
 the works of our hands are in service of the King
 When a thousand tongues cry glory to God,
 forever His praise we'll sing!

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**Children 3 through 6 years old
 are invited to go to
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Prayer of Confession

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7: 22-24

**God's law = the ways of justice and mercy
 wretched = miserable, deeply troubled
 subject to death = is decaying and will one day die**

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Words of Assurance

[Jesus] is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

. . . He does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

Hebrews 7:25-27

intercede = appeal to the Father to show us His promised mercy
sins = attitudes, words, and actions that are immoral or disloyal to God

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十字架 Shízìjià

Chinese

The Cross

耶穌背負十字架 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字架上

Háo wú bǎo liú wèi wǒ shé mìng zài shí jià 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

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blood was shed = died

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Shí zì jià, shí zì jià, wǒ dé jiù shú de jì hào,
It's the cross, it's the cross,

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

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever

我贖罪都洗清潔、唯靠耶蘇寶血

Wǒ shú zuì dōu xǐ qíng jié, wéi kào Yēsū bǎo xiè

Till my ransomed soul shall find rest

beyond the river.

ransomed = rescued
beyond the river = after death

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Testimony

Benjamin MacGown

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Step by Step

O God, You are my God

And I will ever praise You

O God, You are my God

And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning

And I will learn to walk in Your ways

And step by step You'll lead me

And I will follow You all of my days

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Crossway Financial Updates

Finance Team: Ben MacGown, Michael Olabisi, John Tilden,
along with Treasurer Jim Eddy

Board Resource Team: Jim Eddy, John Bonnell, Pastor John

Regular pattern: Financial update in the worship service
at the end of each quarter (in January, April, July,
and October)

Commitment: to be transparent and God-honoring
in how we handle our financial resources

Please be in touch with questions, concerns, or ideas

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Second Quarter 2021 Financial Update
January–June 2021 "Revenue"/Income

	6/30/2020 Actual	6/30/2021 Actual	2021 Budget	12/31/20 Actual
Revenue				
Contributions	47,169	54,945	110,000	102,903
COVID-19 / Myanmar	11,640	1,765		11,640
Memorial Donations	-	100		5,025
Paycheck Protection Program		19,800		18,600
Interest Income	1,106	118	500	1,480
Total Revenues	59,915	76,728	110,500	139,648

Paycheck Protection Program "loan" has been forgiven (so it is now a grant)

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January–June 2021 Expenses

	6/30/2020 Actual	6/30/2021 Actual	%	Target %	2021 Budget	12/31/20 Actual
Total Compensation Exp.	47,703	46,078	60%		84,881	95,327
Total Internal Ministry Exp.	1,952	2,103	3%		11,960	3,399
Total External Ministry Exp.	12,554	4,030	5%	20%	20,886	28,727
Total Administration Exp.	5,462	3,163	4%		12,620	8,969
Total Facilities Expenses	2,500	4,004	5%		12,000	5,901

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January–June 2021 "Bottom line"

	6/30/2020 Actual	6/30/2021 Actual	2021 Budget	12/31/20 Actual
Total Revenues	59,915	76,728	110,500	139,648
Total Expenses	70,171	59,378	142,347	142,323
Surplus/(Deficit)	(10,256)	17,350	(31,847)	(2,675)
Cash Balance	121,905	146,840		129,490
PPP Loan	18,600			

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Crossway Financial Updates

In short:

We are on a good path for 2021 finances

Our budget anticipated a financial "loss" for the year, so we...

- continue to trust God to provide
- thank people who are faithfully and sacrificially giving
- encourage people to consider additional gifts as they are able
- encourage those who are not regularly giving to consider doing so

Contact Jim Eddy at jimeddy55@gmail.com for ways to give

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Prayer

We thank God:

- for meeting all our needs
- for moving in the hearts of people (both regular attenders and friends who are not a part of our church) to give financially
- for moving in the hearts of people to serve

We ask God:

- to cause us to be a generous people, both individually and together
- to help us use what we have and are to meet needs in our congregation, in our community, and around the world
- to bring mercy and justice and the growth of God's Kingdom through what He has entrusted to us

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Winning a medal in the Tokyo Olympics

What are your favorite summer Olympic sports?

How do you win a medal in Gymnastics or BMX Freestyle?


- **Whose opinion matters?**
- **Whose opinion doesn't matter?**

Today's question: How do you "win a medal" in life?

- **Whose opinion matters?**
- **Whose opinion doesn't matter?**


What did Jesus say and do?

Prayer: Give us wisdom to live life well



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God Above All
Luke 12:1-12



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Luke

Be watching for...

- Growing crowds were interested in and divided about Jesus
- Religious leaders (especially the Pharisees) opposing Him

Luke chapter 11

- Jesus drove out a demon. Then “some of the crowd said, ‘By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons. Others tested him...’” (verse 15)
- “Jesus **knew their thoughts...**” [hidden opposition] (verse 17)
- “As the **crowds increased**, Jesus said, ‘**This is a wicked generation.**’” (verse 29)
- “...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.**” (v. 53-54)

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Luke 12:1

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

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Luke 12:1-12

1: Flee from hypocrisy (in self and in others)

- Pharisees were **afraid of the crowds**
 - Later in Luke, the religious leaders “were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ... [Judas] watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.” *Luke 22:1-6*
- This led to ‘hypocrisy’: outside ≠ inside intentionally
- 2-3: • They were hiding their true agenda against Jesus
- 4-5: • Pretending to be learners (to avoid the crowd’s disapproval), they were actually trying to destroy Him
- 6-7: • Jesus said: Don’t be **deceived** by hidden opponents of Jesus
- 8-10: • Don’t **follow** their model
- 11-12: •

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Luke 12:2-3

[Jesus continued]:
 “There is nothing concealed
 that will not be disclosed,
 or hidden
 that will not be made known.
 What you have said in the dark
 will be heard in the daylight,
 and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms
 will be proclaimed from the roofs.

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Luke 12:1-12

1: Flee from hypocrisy (in self and in others)

- 2-3: Everything will eventually be revealed
- Hiding may work with people...for a while
 - Nothing is hidden from God → He knows our hearts
 - And God will eventually reveal everything
 - Both good and bad things
 - Not just texts and emails and private conversations
 - Our hearts!
 - 4-5: • If this doesn’t make us uncomfortable, I’m not sure what will!
 - 6-7: • As tempting as hiding our hearts can be (hypocrisy)
 - 8-10: Jesus said that it is guaranteed to fail!
 - 11-12:

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Luke 12:4-5

“I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

Whatever has a powerful influence over your life

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Luke 12:1-12

1: Flee from hypocrisy (in self and in others)
 2-3: Everything will eventually be revealed
 4-5: “Fear” God (really!). And fear nothing and no one else

- Pharisees ‘feared’ the people rather than God
 - Deeply influenced by people’s opinions and reactions
 - Either seeking approval or avoiding opposition
 - Leads to hypocrisy = selective hiding > *playing a game*
- Instead, we should ‘fear’ God
 - Jesus taught: hell is real and dreadful!

6-7: • Only God has authority to send to hell
 8-10: • So God’s opinion is the only one that really matters!
 11-12: • And it **really** matters!

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Luke 12:6-7

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

When God remembers, He actively brings good

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Luke 12:1-12

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 2-3: Everything will eventually be revealed
 4-5: “Fear” God (really!). And fear nothing and no one else
 6-7: If God is for you, don’t be afraid of anything

- God ‘remembers’ even our most insignificant parts
- If God is for us, nothing else can truly harm us
- If God judges us, nothing else can help

8-10:
 11-12:

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by word and by life ← *Luke 12:8-10*

“I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.”

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**Pharisees had privately said:
 Jesus' power is from Satan**

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- 6-7: If God is for you, don't be afraid of anything else
- 8-10: Our fate hinges on our response to Jesus and the Spirit
 - Jesus' claim: everything hinges on our relationship with Him
 - Amazing hope! Jesus claiming us as His family
 - Or great trouble: The “unforgivable sin”
 - One cannot simultaneously accuse Jesus of being empowered by evil and be forgiven by Jesus
- 11-12: • **This was the heart of the religious leaders**

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Luke 12:11-12

“When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

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- 6-7: If God is for you, don't be afraid of anything else
- 8-10: Our fate hinges on our response to Jesus and the Spirit
- 11-12: The Holy Spirit gives us the power to fear God first
 - Holy Spirit is not merely a source of information
 - “What words should I say?”
 - He is the ability to stay faithful to God even when all other powers try to force us to leave Him
 - Martyrs: followed Jesus even to death

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Fear

Fear = whatever has the biggest influence in our lives

- Our parents (even when they are gone...)
- Our spouse or partner or friends
- Our critics (even when they are gone...)
- Authorities: boss, government, religious figures, ...
- The "wisdom" of the crowds (likes, followers, peer reviews, ...)
- Success: publications, grants, awards, raises, promotions, ...
- Our internal compass
- Our heart: pleasures, pride, hurts, ...
- Money

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Fear

Fear = whatever has the biggest influence in our lives

- So often, our fears are contradictory
 - Parents and spouse/friends
 - Our critics and our internal compass
- So often, our fears are impossible to satisfy
 - They keep changing, or they keep critiquing
- They do not have the power we think they have
 - Example: the satisfaction of praise is incredibly short lived!
- None are any help to us once we die

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Jesus taught...

**The only true path
for a hope-filled life
leading to a glory-filled and unfading future
is to fear God above all else**

- being guided by His character and commands
- being concerned about His opinion above all others
- with worshipful, joyful, and obedient awe

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**Who has opinions about
how well you are living your life?**

Whose opinions are most important?

**Whose opinions are most influential
in your life today?**

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Application

Fear God alone

- **Everyone has "gods": whatever has the biggest influence**
- **Can those gods handle the burden we are putting on him or her or it?**
 - It is unfair, unwise, and unkind to put that burden on any person!
 - It is so foolish to trust any human institution or group
 - It is so foolish to trust the approval of crowds
 - It is so foolish to trust our own hearts

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Application

Fear God alone

- **Jesus' claim:**
 - **There is one God and we can know Him**
 - Jesus said: "If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." *John 14:7*
 - **Jesus is the only way to know Him**
 - Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*
 - **God holds our eternal destiny in His hands**
 - **God is amazingly loving and caring...knowing our hair count!!**
 - **God is to be feared above all else with joy**
 - **The Spirit of God gives us the power to fear Him above all else**

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Application

Fear God alone

- **Live with the deep realization that...**
 - **God's perspective matters far more than anything else**
 - **God's love is better than anything else**
 - **God gives His Spirit so that He lives in those who fear God**
- **This leads to...**
 - **worshipful, joyful, and obedient awe**
 - **being guided by His character and commands**
 - **being concerned about His opinion above all others**
- **The best way to stop 'fearing' lesser things is...**
 - **To fear God more**

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Application

Fear God alone

- **Yet we are conditioned for exactly the wrong thing...**
 - We live in a world of public review of *everything* and *everyone*
- **We must re-condition ourselves to value God's perspective above all else**
 - Our conscience is an imperfect yet useful starting point
 - God's perspective is usually much quieter than other voices
 - for now...
 - So we have to choose to listen...

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Application

Fear God alone

- **Case studies**
 - **Being a preacher and a pastor**
 - Choose to evaluate my sermon by God's perspective before anyone else can say anything
 - And after... (both praise and critique...)
 - **Doing what Jesus says**
 - Be generous rather than loving money or time
 - Forgive rather than being bitter
 - **Seeking to know Jesus**
 - Sometimes we let other people control whether we seek Him (we fear them more than Jesus...)

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Jesus taught...

**The only true path
for a hope-filled life
leading to a glory-filled and unfading future
is to fear God above all else**

This is what Jesus did!

- He refused to be controlled by people (powerful or not)
- He refused to be controlled by pain and suffering
- He refused to be controlled by self preservation

In contrast: Peter denied even knowing Jesus!

Jesus invited Peter to fear God again, and Jesus forgave him

- To fear God is also to turn to Him for mercy when we fail

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There is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.

throne = supreme ruler
every tongue = all peoples

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Before the Son we'll stand,
 made faultless through the Lamb;
 Believing hearts find promised grace;
 salvation comes.

Son, Lamb = Jesus Christ

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Hear heaven's voices sing;
 their thunderous anthem rings
 through emerald courts and sapphire skies
 their praises rise.

**thunderous anthem rings = loud, triumphant songs of praise
 emerald = bright green
 courts = where judge gives verdicts
 sapphire = bright blue and highly valuable**

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All glory, wisdom, power,
 strength, thanks, and honor are
 to God our King, Who reigns on high
 forevermore.

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And there we'll find our home;
 our life before the throne.
 We'll honor Him in perfect song
 where we belong.

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He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
 as thirst and hunger die.
 The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
 we'll reign with Him.

tear-stained eye = each person who has suffered
die = no longer exist
Lamb = Jesus Christ in humility
Shepherd King = Jesus Christ in glory

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**If you are visiting with us today, we would love to get to
 know you more, and to see you again**

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Everyone is invited...

- to stay for **Zoom Breakout Rooms** for up to **20 minutes** of friendly conversations
- to join us in the building (or online) for the worship service next Sunday

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