

The Joy of Your Salvation

Introduction: People are mad today and think the world needs to fix it. Instead of focusing on their individual sins.

Main Idea: God is calling to faithfulness and away from Sin.

Point 1: The Holiness of God compels you to acknowledge your sinfulness

Explore the Text

Admission of Guilt

- The acknowledgement of the holiness of God

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

- Sinning against God.

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,

- Pushes against sinning as whatever harms another's freedoms and rights.

- The acknowledgement of the sinfulness of the psalmist

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

- We are born into a fallen world and are sinners.

- The first person singular

Illustrate the Text

Glasses Illustration

- Frances and I went to Fort Worth on a date. I asked her to tell me when she could read signs. She could read signs twice as far as I could.
- Foster child #1 could see dirt and little things on the ground way better than we could because she was closer to the ground and had better eyesight than Frances or myself.

Apply the Text: People pretend that they are fine. You can allow this scripture to teach you /remind you that you are not fine compared to the ultimate holiness of God. but can be made fine with Jesus.

Point 2: The Grace of God removes you of your sinfulness

Explore the Text

The psalmist's plea for forgiveness uses cleaning language

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- **10** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

- Don't work the metaphor backwards thinking that a lack of physical cleanliness = a lack of holiness. This is what God the NT Pharisees in trouble.
- Significant disgust language in the bible to describe sin. Especially idolatry.
- You can have neat and tidy sins with your hands "clean" and "getting away with it."
- You can have one of Mike Rowe's "dirty jobs" and be holy before the Lord.

Forgiveness brings Joy

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing[[c](#)] spirit.

- It is good to be in right relationship with God.
- Happiness and joy different

Illustrate the Text

- Clean house is a joy.
- Clean kitchen lets you work.
- Clean desk lets you get messy.
- A clean heart gives you joy and lets you love.

Apply the Text

- If you have never asked Jesus to forgive you, do it
- If you have for years. Reject sin and follow Jesus.

Point 3: The Goodness of God calls you to true worship

Explore the Text

The psalmist describes a Reorientation of True Worship

6 You desire truth in the inward being;[\[a\]](#)
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

- True worship must be taught from God to us. We don't know how to do it automatically.
- The psalmist goes from talking just between himself and God to talking about transgressors. The psalmist's faithfulness to God inevitably turns outward.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

- A right relationship with God must have a right relationship with others. In this instance, the psalmist is proclaiming truth of God to them

14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

- This is not a mere quid pro quo but instead a normal loyal appropriate act for the faithful of Yahweh.
- We should never just do stuff for God so he will do good stuff for us.

16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

17 The sacrifice acceptable to God[\[d\]](#) is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

- He pushes against inappropriate offerings. Sacrificing bulls without a contrite heart. Proud sacrifices are no sacrifices.
 - He pushes instead to contrite hearts AND burnt offerings
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- He petitions God for his continued safety and the sake of Jerusalem.

18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
19 then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

True Worship is giving of your life, soul, all to God.
Out of this comes His proclamation from Gratitude
Out of trust comes request for aid
All of this must be taught. We don't know it at first or easily.

Illustrate

- Foster daughter #1 the last night "Jesus Loves Me"
- She was in the process of learning about true worship.
- God is looking down at all of us with our efforts at praise watching us learning to worship well.
- I'm convinced that our trying to please God in fact pleases God.

Apply

- Don't just try to get God paid off with money in a plate or your attendance.
- Bring him your time, talents, money, life, soul, and all.

Conclusion:

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

- God is holy.
- God is Good.
- Praise God