

Divine Worship

Colossians 3.1-3 “Mindset”

Preparation: Psalm 27.4

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.

Silent Meditation

Call to Worship

Leader:
The LORD calls to us saying, “Seek My face!”

Psalm 27.8, 9 (adapted)

People:
Your face, O LORD we will seek!

All:
Do not hide Your face from us, O LORD!

Hymn of Praise

(Joanna: [*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*](#))

Psalm 27.1-10

Lord, You are our Light and our Savior most dear!
You guard us with might; therefore, whom shall we fear?
Though evil surround us, our enemies fall;
No harm shall confound us when on You we call.

One thing we request but to dwell with You, Lord.
Your beauty to test and to think on Your Word.
In trouble You hide us secure in Your grace;
No foe may o’erride us: We sing of Your praise!

Hear, Lord, when we cry and be gracious, we pray!
Lord, do not deny us Your favor this day!
Our help, our salvation, though others may fall,
Preserve our good station when on You we call.

Invocation and Call to Confession

Leader:
Lord Jesus, King of glory, God of gods, Lord of lords, our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend: we come to You this day, in obedience to Your call, that we might enter Your Presence, pour forth our praise, and be instructed by Your Word. We praise You and bless You, Lord, that You have made us Your own dear people, by Your own

shed blood and resurrection. As we come, O Lord, we ask that You will search us and reveal to us any sins we must confess. **Hear our silent confessions of sin, O Lord.**

Silent Confession

All

Word of Assurance

Psalm 27.13 (adapted)

Leader:

Lord, we would have lost heart, and given up hope of all forgiveness, except for Your goodness and mercy. We rejoice in the promise of forgiveness, and in the hope that we will see Your goodness in the land of the living, and that You will be glorified in all our works.

People:

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Assurance

Psalm 27.11-13

(Joanna: *[Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise](#)*)

Lord, teach us; Lord, lead us because of our foes!
Hear, Lord, when we plead for release from their woes.
Had we not believed all Your goodness to see,
Our heart sorely grieved and in turmoil would be.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Psalm 27.4-6

Leader:

Let us come before the Lord with praise and thanksgiving, as together we pray:

All:

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.
For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

All may offer prayers of praise and thanks to the Lord. At the end of these prayers, the Leader shall **lead the people in praying the Lord's Prayer.**

Offerings to the Lord

Leader:

Let us now bring our offerings to honor the Lord and edify one another by His Word: a passage of Scripture which has been particularly helpful; a brief word of praise for some grace of God bestowed; an observation

from creation which revealed the glory of the Lord; a word of appreciation for some aspect of the beauty, goodness, or truth of the Lord.

When as many as like have shared, the **Leader shall pray**:

We give You thanks and praise, O Lord, and offer our confession of faith together (**all together, saying the Apostles' Creed**):

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Doxology

All

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures, here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!

Prayers of the People

All may offer prayers of intercession or supplication, seeking mercy and grace to help in our time of need. **At the end, let the Leader pray Psalm 27.7-9, as adapted:**

Hear, O Lord, when we cry with our voices!
Have mercy also upon us, and answer us.
When You said, "Seek My face,"
Our hearts said to You, "Your face, Lord, we will seek."
Do not hide Your face from us;
Do not turn Your servants away in anger;
You have been our help;
Do not leave us nor forsake us,
O God of our salvation.

The Ministry of the Word

Colossians 3.1-3

The Leader will read the passage for today, or ask another to read it.

The Proverbs tell us that as we think in our hearts, so we are (Prov. 23.7). This is one of many passages – in Proverbs and elsewhere – that combines heart and mind into one essence, so that thinking and feeling are brought together and define the kind of people we are. Paul’s instruction in Colossians 3.1-3 is of this same nature. For as we set our minds on Christ, exalted at the right hand of God, and meditate on His beauty, our minds are enlightened and our hearts set aflame with love, so that we will follow the Lord as He teaches and guides.

1. We cannot devote our hearts and minds to the Lord if they are continuously distracted by worldly things. What are some of the primary distractions that keep us from setting our minds on the Lord?
2. What could we do to turn these distractions into opportunities for sharpening our proper mindset?

To be able to develop such a heavenly mindset, we need to have some idea as to what we’re trying to focus on. We need to see the beauty of the Lord in His glory, as the one commanding vision that gives direction to all our thoughts and lives.

3. Here are some passages of Scripture that can help to sharpen the focus of our mindset. How does each of them direct us in thinking about Jesus in His beauty and glory?
 - Psalm 47.5-9:
 - Psalm 93.1, 2:
 - Psalm 110.1, 2:
 - Daniel 7:9-14:
 - Revelation 5.1-7:

The more we meditate on such passages, the more clearly and continuously we will “see” the Lord Jesus in His beauty. Seeing Jesus thus can have powerful effects on how we think and what we think about, as well as what we long for and enjoy. Seeing Jesus in His glory can transform our priorities, values, desires, attitudes, and choices, so that Jesus increases in us, and we decrease (Jn. 3.30).

Let’s look at Psalm 16.8: “I have set the LORD always before me; because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.”

4. What did David say he had done? What does that mean? What did that do for David?
5. What are the most important things you can do to “set the LORD always” before you? How would you expect that to benefit you?

Let’s take a few minutes to put Paul’s instruction into practice. Everyone close your eyes. Now, thinking back on all the passages we’ve read in this lesson, set your mind on heavenly places, where Christ is seated in glory (allow 2-3 minutes for this exercise, then add the following). Now, while you’re still meditating on the beauty of the Lord, superimpose onto that heavenly vision, Jesus, hanging on the cross to bear your sins, then rising from the dead to open the way to new life (give 30 seconds for this exercise).

Why is it important that we spend time each day in exercises like this?

Let’s sing together our **Hymn of Commitment “Hallelujah! What a Savior!” By Philip P. Bliss**

(Hallelujah! What a Savior!: [*Man of Sorrows*](#))

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"Man of Sorrows" what a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty vile and helpless we, spotless Lamb of God was He:
Full atonement can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry.
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Benediction

Psalm 27.14

Leader:

Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!

All:

We will wait on the LORD our God!

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