

Notes on the Sermon

Our core convictions:

SOLA SCRIPTURA: *Scripture alone* is the written word of God. The Bible is the sole and final authority for faith and practice.

SOLA GRATIA: God's grace alone saves us from God's just wrath through the death of Jesus Christ. Salvation is not in any sense a human work or accomplishment but is totally and completely the gift of God.

SOLUS CHRISTUS: Christ alone is the eternal Son of God whose sinless life and atoning death redeem us for God. Christ *alone* has accomplished all that is necessary for our salvation and eternal life is found in no one else but Christ.

SOLA FIDE: Faith alone—apart from all human work or merit—is the instrument of our salvation. Faith is a gift bestowed upon us in Christ for our salvation. God justifies sinners (declares them right with Himself) by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone.

SOLI DEO GLORIA: God's glory alone is to be the purpose for which we live and the aim of our worship. We believe worship should affect daily life. For this reason, we seek to focus on God in our worship rather than entertainment values or personal needs. The Church gathers on the Lord's Day to rejoice in the mighty acts of God and to worship Him in ways He has commanded and that are consistent with the principles of His word.

Welcome to Redeemer!

Coffee and other refreshments are available after the service. A time of learning with classes for all ages begins at **10:45AM** and a nursery is provided.

Also today . . .

Worship Ministry Meeting (5:00PM).

Evening Prayer Service (6:00PM).

This week . . .

B.A.S.I.C. (Wednesday, 6:30-8:00PM). *Final session until fall!*

Next Lord's Day . . .

Mission Sunday School at DHA (12:30NOON—2:30PM). Supplies and volunteers are needed! *Please see Donna Taylor for more information.*

Looking ahead . . .

Marriage of Fred & Emma Primm (June 25, 2:00PM, in our sanctuary). Fred & Emma invite you to join them for their wedding ceremony.

Did you know . . . ?

Recent sermons are available online for reading, listening or download at www.rpcdickson.org. *Tell a friend!*

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Average Weekly Offerings to Date \$1,840
Weekly Budget Needs..... \$1,955
Offering for May 29, 2011..... \$1,248

Worship Ministry

Pam Spence, *Music Director* • Patti Robertson, *Pianist*
Ann Galya, *Vocalist* • Laura Moore, *Percussion*

Serving You

Ronda Moore, Phil Chadwick, Katlynn Karnes, Clay McKinney
& John Stevens, *Sound & Recording*
Mary Karnes, *Treasurer* • Anita Berkey & Bonnie Madden, *Finance Clerks*
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Vickie Stevens, *Prayer Letter* Editor (vns2js@gmail.com)
Jim & Anita Berkey, *June Facility Volunteers*

Childcare Attendants

Dot Barnhill & Emma Primm (9:00AM) • Linda Greene (10:45AM)
Donna Taylor, *Children's Ministry Director*

Leadership Team

R. Neil Spence, D. Min., *Pastor* (nspence@rpcdickson.org)
Ken Brown, *Assistant Pastor* (kbrown@rpcdickson.org)
Jim Berkey • Phil Chadwick • Ron Robertson, *Ruling Elders*
Blake Chadwick • Clay McKinney • Boyd Taylor, *Deacons*

SERVICE FOR The Lord's Day

June 5, 2011

Words of Greeting & Opening Prayer

Psalm of Praise..... Psalm 136

The Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Sentences

The Offertory

Act of Praise *The Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

Hymn..... *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Scripture Reading..... Ecclesiastes 7:15-8:1

Sermon *A Little Book of Proverbs (Part 2)*

Pastor R. Neil Spence, *Preaching*

Hymn..... *Adoration*

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... *Majesty*

The Blessing

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Psalm 136

- 1 O thank the LORD, for good is He;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 2 Thanks to the God of gods give ye;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 3 O praises give the King of kings;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 4 For He alone does wondrous things;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 5 Who in His wisdom framed the skies;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 6 Who made the earth from waters rise;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 7 Who placed the great lights on display;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 8 The sun to rule the sky by day;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 9 The moon and stars to rule the night;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 10 Who Egypt's firstborn all did smite;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 11 Who freed all Is'el from their charm;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 12 With mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 13 Who by His wind the Red Sea clave;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 14 Led Isr'el through the parted wave;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 15 O'er Pharaoh He the Red Sea spread;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 16 Through desert wastes His people led;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 25 He food bestows on all that live;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 26 Thanks to the God of heaven give;
His mercy lasts forever.
- 3 *O praises give the King of kings;
His mercy lasts forever.*
- 4 *For He alone does wondrous things;
His mercy lasts forever.*

Verses 1-12 & 25-26

From *Trinity Psalter*. Based on John Craig & *Scottish Psalter*, 1564.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Throughout the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word.

Open Thy Word of Truth that I may see
Thy message written clear and plain for me;
Then in sweet fellowship, walking with Thee,
Thine image on my life engraved will be.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my All in All.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see;
Show me the truth unveiled within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Words by Mary A. Lathbury, altered.
Tune: BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4.D. by William F. Sherwin.

Psalm Notes

Psalm 136 is known as the Great Hallel ("the great Psalm of Praise"). Charles Spurgeon remarked that "it contains nothing but praise" and he is no doubt right. Psalms such as this demonstrate for us the true pattern of praise.

The psalm may be outlined as follows:

1. **Praise God for His supremacy (1-3).** God's attributes of goodness, glory, sovereignty, and grace are always deserving of our praise.
2. **Praise God for His works of creation (4-9).** Believers can never get over the fact that the God who spoke the universe into being out of nothing is now their Father.
3. **Praise God for His works of redemption (10-26).** God's saving works of long ago and on behalf of ancient Israel are to be remembered and celebrated for all time. They were on behalf of His elect people within national Israel and performed with a view to at last bringing our Redeemer into the world. Each deliverance points to our ultimate deliverance from sin and death through the death of our Redeemer.

The great truth and focus of our worship is God's mercy which "lasts forever." That is, our God's love and kindness towards His covenant people is unchanging. How can we *not* give Him our wholehearted praise?

The *Trinity Psalter* version of Psalm 136 may be traced to John Craig (c. 1512-1600). Craig was a colleague of the Reformer John Knox. This version was first found in the *Scottish Psalter* of 1564.

Adoration

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim.
With gold of obedience And incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him—the LORD is His name!

Fear not to enter His presence in poverty,
Bearing no gifts to present as your own.
Bring truth in its beauty And love in its purity—
These are the offerings to lay at His throne.

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Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty—
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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