

August 27, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“His Mercy Is More”**

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father, so tender, is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

■ **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**.....Hymn 129

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne, Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign, Who once on earth th'incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing, Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King

■ **Scripture Reading** - 2 Peter 2: 10b-22

Offertory

■ **“Psalm 3 - 10,000 Foes”**

O LORD, how many are my foes How many up against me rise They all are saying now of me In vain he on his God relies But you are my protector, LORD

You are a shield around me spread My glory comes from you alone The one who raises up my head

When to the LORD I lift my voice In face of those who hate me still The LORD will hear my cry to him And answer from his holy hill I settle down and sleep in peace I wake in God's upholding hand I will not fear ten thousand foes Who circling round against me stand

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God Deliver for your mercy's sake Strike all my en'mies on the jaw The wicked's teeth in pieces break The LORD alone deliverance sends

No other source of help have we Therefore upon your people all May your eternal blessing be

■ **Confession**

A Traditional Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us;

That we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen

■ **Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Supper**

■ **“Victory in Jesus”**

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I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me: I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever, He sought me and bo't me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing, How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; And then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,” And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; About the angels singing, and the old redemption story, And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

■ **Message** - “Imprecatory Prayer: God Put an End to Evil!”- Psalm 58 - Pastor Scott

■ **“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”**

Words by Julia H. Johnston and Music by Daniel B. Towner ©1986 Word Music CCLI#801260

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within, Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater - yes, grace untold Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all

who believe! You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

■ **Benediction**

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This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith.

Psalm 97:10

O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

STUDIES AND SMALL GROUPS FOR WOMEN

ABIDE – A TEN WEEK STUDY OF 1, 2, & 3 JOHN

Tuesday Evenings OR Thursday Mornings September -November

BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS –

A TEN WEEK STUDY OF BASICS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

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A THREE WEEK NO COST SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN

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"Imprecatory Prayer: God Put an End to Evil!"

Psalm 58

"Trigger warning..."

I. When we see evil taking place, we must _____ vv1-5

Who are those 'gods' in v1 _____

By what standard do they 'judge' v2

Total Depravity (Theology matters!)

1) They are _____ v3 Rm 3:10-12

2) They are born _____ v3b Rm 3:4

3) They bring great harm v4-5; Rm 3:13-18

II. We must call on _____ v6-9

1) This is a _____

David is not taking things into his own hands

2) What should we pray?

1) That God would take away the _____ of the wicked v6

2) That God would end their _____ (Four images)

V7a _____; v2b _____; v8 _____; v9 a _____

Do you pray like that? Lk 18:1-7

III. We can be _____ evil will be put down forever v10-11

1) The forces of evil will be decisively _____ v10

What is this blood? Isa 63:1-6 ; Rev 19:13

2) The righteous will see Christ's _____ and rejoice forever

Vengeance is His Rm 12:19-21

God will do this : we get the _____, He gets the _____

1) We get joy because righteousness is _____ v11

Mt 13: 41-43

2) God gets the glory because all will _____ v11

Php 2:10-11

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - AUGUST 27

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM

Today's Greeters - Anja Woelm & Dave Winkeler
Today's Tellers - Jennifer McMillan & Mysti Jackson
Today's Nursery - Ellie Boehlke & Gracie Jackson
Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs
Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$5,263.00
July Weekly Average.....\$5,896.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Bring food to share.
- **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING** - following the fellowship meal
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 8 AM - Men's Discipleship Breakfast** - Bring food to share
- **FAMILY CAMP 2023 - September 21-24 - SIGN UP NOW**
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - WEDDING SHOWER - 10 AM**
Emma's bridal shower. This is for ladies and girls. Jonny & Emma are registered on Amazon and at Target.
- **TUESDAYS at 1:30 PM at Rockport - Exercise Class** . Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
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A Word from Pastor Scott: *The Imprecatory Psalms* Sunday August 27, 2023

*O God, break the teeth in their mouths;
tear out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD!*
Psalms 58:6

We have been encouraging you to live in the Psalms daily, to take up these wonderful songs of God's faithfulness and make them your own by praying them, singing them, and learning from them how to relate to God. But by now you may have noticed there are some Psalms that are difficult to understand, let alone know how to pray. That's especially true of the "imprecatory psalms" or "psalms of cursing" where the writer asks God to act in judgement against some violent enemy. That immediately raises questions for us as New Testament believers. How are we to take such Psalms? Can we pray against our enemies as David did? And what of Christ's command to love our enemies?

These are just some of the question we will need to deal with as we consider the imprecatory psalms. What I hope to show you is that these Psalms, like all the Psalms, have much to teach us about how we should think about the evil we see at work in our world, and what we ought to ask God to do about it. The answers we'll find are not always easy, but I pray they will be helpful to you. The authors of these Psalms are passionate, and at times quite graphic, as they ask God to take action against those who do evil and carry out injustice in this world. For example, notice the Psalm I quote above where he asks God to "break the teeth in their mouths!" That's harsh! And he's just getting started!

So as you read these Psalms, there are some things to keep in mind.

- The Psalmist's concern is that God would stop the evil actions of those who harm others. (Think of human trafficking! Stop them Lord!)
- The Psalmist cares deeply about justice and righteousness. He is asking God to step in to right what is wrong and restore what is right!
- The Psalmist is not asking God to "get" those he personally does not like, but to stop those in power whose evil actions are bringing harm.
- The Psalmist is not taking matters into his own hand, but rather asking God to come and do what is right on behalf of those being hurt.
- These are strong and urgent prayers where a believer, alarmed by evil, is begging God to take quick action to protect those being wronged.

May we learn the passion of these prayers.

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (8/27/23)

Title: "Praying: God, Put an End to _____"

Bible Passages: Psalm _____

Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

Prayer	Heart	Cry	Power
Flood	Teeth	Fang	Arrow
Snail	Nerf	Fire	Pot
Hands	Blood	Joy	Enemy

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

An Imprecatory Psalm -- Psalm 58

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B E A R T H A N D S T R M S
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C I I B I R T H I B M A V R
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I L I K E A U D E S T R O Y
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ACCORDING	ASTRAY	AWAY
BIRTH	CHILDREN	CHOIRMASTER
DAVID	DEAL	DECREE
DESTROY	DEVISE	EARTH
ESTRANGED	HANDS	HEARTS
INDEED	JUDGE	LIKE
MIKTAM	RIGHT	RIGHTEOUS
SEES	SPEAKING	SURELY
THERE	UPRIGHTLY	VENOM
VIOLENCE	WHEN	WICKED

