



PRAY — The opening Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 119:105-112. As we prepare to pray and praise our Lord, consider what He has done. He has given us His word to light our path. We know that we are children of the one true God! By His light we follow His righteous laws, hold fast to His promises of a future glory and eternal life, offer up willing praise of our satisfaction in Him, and never forget His laws nor stray from His precepts. We possess an inheritance that is eternal and worthy of great joy! We know that Jesus is the light of the world for all faithful believers and, to His glory, may we reflect the light of Christ now and for all eternity!

SING —

- song list - (**lyrics on next page*)

-**'A Mighty Fortress'** | *Martin Luther*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vT6HQ1QaU4

-**'Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery'** | *Matt Boswell, Matt Papa*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-xQDm-KZw8>

HEAR — Sermon Text: *Genesis 15:1-21 | Pastor Eddie Davila*

****scripture references on next page****

RESPOND —

-**'Solid Rock'** | *Austin Stone Worship*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wL9S5EnUDWI>

[APPLY & DISCUSS]

- *Based on the passage/sermon what did you see about God/Christ?*
- *What did you see about man/yourself?*
- *Empowered by the Holy Spirit, and resting in Christ, what is something you can actively do to apply and to walk in step with the truth of this passage?*

A MIGHTY FORTRESS / MARTIN LUTHER

VERSE 1

A mighty fortress is our God
a bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amidst the flood
of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe
his craft and power are great
and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

VERSE 2

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be,
Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of hosts His name
from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

VERSE 3

And though this world with devils filled
should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him
his rage we can endure,
for lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

VERSE 4

That word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY / MATT BOSWELL, MATT PAPA

VERSE 1

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

VERSE 2

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

VERSE 3

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

VERSE 4

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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SERMON TITLE: 'The Covenant Cutting God'

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 15:1-21

Genesis 15:1-21

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites." (ESV)

Romans 4:1-8

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered;

blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” (ESV)

Jeremiah 34:18-19

And the men who transgressed my covenant and did not keep the terms of the covenant that they made before me, I will make them like the calf that they cut in two and passed between its parts— the officials of Judah, the officials of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf. (ESV)

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” — so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. (ESV)

Recommended Resources:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/blood-covenant.html>
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/sin-of-the-Amorites.html>

SOLID ROCK / AUSTIN STONE WORSHIP

VERSE 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

BRIDGE

All my hope is in you
All my strength is in you
All my peace is in you
All my life is in you

VERSE 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

CHORUS

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

VERSE 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay

VERSE 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne