



**Highland
International
Church
Inverness**

Sunday 20th September 2020

Highland International Church

Welcome & Notices

Welcome to our YouTube live-stream service:

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HIC 10.00 am YouTube service (direct link):

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- **Sunday 20th September (today)**

10.00am – **Morning Service** – YouTube live link

5.00pm – There will be a **New City Catechism Zoom** meeting tonight at 5.00pm looking at Questions/Answers **No. 14 & 15:**



Q.14 Did God create us unable to keep his law?

A.14 No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

Q.15 Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

A.15 That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Saviour. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Saviour.

- **Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm**

We meet as a church family by Zoom for **Bible Study and prayer**.

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HIC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The HIC Annual General Meeting will take place by Zoom on **Thursday 1st October** at 7.30pm.

Highland International Church

Our VISION: Our first and fundamental concern is for God's glory. We believe that God is glorified when his Son, Jesus Christ, is recognised and worshipped as Lord and Saviour.

Our MISSION: *To know Jesus and to make Jesus known*

Our AIMS:

- **Reaching** others with the good news about Jesus Christ
- **Building** disciples of Jesus Christ
- **Sending** out and supporting partners in the gospel

HIGHLAND FOOD BANK

Here is an up to date list of requests from the Inverness based **Highland Food Bank**:

- Tins of potatoes - large and small
- Bags of sugar - large and small
- Tins of corned beef or spam - large and small
- Washing powder - large and small packets
- Washing liquid (ie for clothes) - small bottles
- **Individually wrapped** bars of soap

David and Emm Warmbath are willing to collect any donations (01463 710110), but it is also possible to *leave donations at the door of the Food Bank premises itself, provided it is open* – at 1 Glebe Street, Inverness IV1 1RF.

Order of today's 10.00 am service

Call to worship

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, '*He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.*'

Psalm 91 v 1, 2

1. O LORD OF HOSTS, HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING-PLACE!

I cry aloud, I long for your abode;
the joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied:
my heart and flesh desire the living God.
Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place,
that near your altars she may have her young:
how happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord,
by whom your holy praises are for ever sung!

2. How happy those who have in you
the strength they need,
and in whose heart are Zion's pathways found!
The desert wastes they make a land of water-springs,
till autumn rains refresh the barren ground.
From strength to strength they journey on their pilgrimage,
until in God's own presence they appear:
O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one;
receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!

3. How better, far, a single day within your courts,
than thousands spent in any other way;
I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door,
than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.
For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us;
he gives us grace and crowns with glory too,
and nothing good withholds from those that walk aright:
O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

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[PSALM 84 / PRAISE 84]

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (said together)

[MATTHEW CH.6, V.9-13, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION © 2011]

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Bible reading (New International Version)

Genesis 45:4-28

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come close to me.’ When they had done so, he said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ ‘So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, “This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.”

¹² ‘You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honour accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.’

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterwards his brothers talked with him.

¹⁶ When the news reached Pharaoh’s palace that Joseph’s brothers had come, Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased. ¹⁷ Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Tell your brothers, “Do this: load your animals and return to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸ and bring your father and your families back to

me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.”

¹⁹ ‘You are also instructed to tell them, “Do this: take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come.

²⁰ Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.”’

²¹ So the sons of Israel did this. Joseph gave them carts, as Pharaoh had commanded, and he also gave them provisions for their journey. ²² To each of them he gave new clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes. ²³ And this is what he sent to his father: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other provisions for his journey. ²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, *‘Don’t quarrel on the way!’*

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. ²⁶ They told him, *‘Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt.’* Jacob was stunned; he did not believe them. ²⁷ But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

²⁸ And Israel said, *‘I’m convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.’*

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**Chat with
the children**



1. IT DON'T MATTER WHAT THE PROUD ONES SAY

God sits in the highest place
Even when the wicked ones disobey
God sits in the highest place
***You know, God sits in the highest place
full of glory full of grace
It don't matter what the proud ones say
God sits in the highest place***

2. When the liars lie and the haters hate
God sits in the highest place
When the waters rage and the mountains shake
God sits in the highest place
***You know, God sits in the highest place
full of glory full of grace
It don't matter what the proud ones say
God sits in the highest place***

3. He's going to banish sin and shame
God sits in the highest place
The nations tremble at his Name
God sits in the highest place
***You know, God sits in the highest place
full of glory full of grace
It don't matter what the proud ones say
'cos God sits in the highest place
It don't matter what the proud ones say
'cos God sits in the highest place***

Prayers for Others

1. O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING,

we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,

accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Bible Message



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- 1. NOW WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ATTENDETH MY SOUL,**
And when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Then whatever my lot You have taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

***It is well with my soul when the storms of winter blow,
And the cares of this world take their toll.
In the heat of the day there is grace enough to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.***

- 2.** And when Satan should tempt me and trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
For He sees every weakness and knows every fear,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well with my soul when the storms of winter blow,
And the cares of this world take their toll.
In the heat of the day there is grace enough to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

HORATIO SPAFFORD (1828 – 1888)
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Closing Benediction

*The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**
and the love of **God**
and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit**
be with us all.
Amen.*

Bible verses

Psalm 103 v 19: The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Daniel 4 v 35: He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘*What have you done?*’

Ephesians 1 v 11, 12: [God] works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we... might be for the praise of his glory.

Acts 2 v 23: This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Genesis 12 v 2, 3: I will make you into a great nation... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Genesis 17 v 7: I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Matthew 10 v 29 – 31: Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Psalms 112 v 1; v 7, 8: Blessed are those who fear the LORD... They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Isaiah 45 v 6, 7: I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Proverbs 19 v 21: Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Romans 8 v 28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose

Quotes

William Still: *“God foreordains to his use and glory the very evil he abhors.”*

William Still: *“Just as we must never incriminate the Almighty in that sin which he uses to evoke his glory, so must we never excuse those guilty of the sin by which that glory is evoked. The glories of God’s grace would never have been seen in redemptive terms but for the sin of man. That does not glorify human sin, but God’s grace.”*

George Lawson: *“Sinners are as [much] the ministers of [God’s] providence as saints, and he glorifies himself by the wickedness which he hates and punishes as well as by that holiness which he loves and rewards.”*

John Macmurray: *“The maxim of illusionary religion runs: ‘Fear not; trust in God and he will see that none of the things you fear will happen to you;’ that of real religion, on the contrary is, ‘fear not; the things that you are afraid of are quite likely to happen to you, but they are nothing to be afraid of.’”*

Alistair Begg: *“When we recognise that God is ultimately in control of our circumstances, we can release others and their actions to him and be free of the bitterness and resentment that rots the soul.”*

John Calvin: *“[T]hieves and murderers and other evildoers are the instruments of divine providence, and the Lord himself uses these to carry out the judgements that he has determined with himself. Yet I deny that they can derive from this any excuse for their evil deeds...”*

[W]hence, I ask you, comes the stench of a corpse, which is both putrefied and laid open by the heat of the sun? All men see that it is stirred up by the sun’s rays; yet no-one for this reason says that the rays stink. Thus, since the matter and guilt of evil repose in a wicked man, what reason is there to think that God contracts any defilement, if he uses his service for his own purpose?”

God’s Eternal Decrees

God, from all eternity, did – by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will – freely and unchangeably ordain whatever comes to pass. Yet he ordered all things in such a way that he is not the author of sin, nor does he force his creatures to act against their wills; neither is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 7 What are the decrees of God?

A 7 *The decrees of God are his eternal plan based on the purpose of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained everything that happens.*

Q 11 What is God's providence?

A 11 *God's providence is his completely holy, wise and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.*

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