

Sermon notes: November 27, 2022

My Problem With Golf

Passage: John 2:13-25

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

Jesus Cleaned House

Acts 8:18-21 ¹⁸ When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money ¹⁹ and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰ Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! ²¹ You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.

Jesus Confused Some People

Luke 19:47 ⁴⁷ Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him.

Matthew 26:61 ⁶¹ and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

Implications

God Doesn't Share Worship

John 4:34 ³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

Exodus 20:3 ³ "You shall have no other gods before^{me} me.

Matthew 22:37 ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Isaiah 1:11-14 ¹¹ "The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?" says the LORD.

"I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?

¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me.

New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being.

They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

Isaiah 29:13 ¹³ The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

Haggai 1:2-4 ² This is what the LORD Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD's house.'" ³ Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

Acts 13:22 ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

God Loves Flawed People

Conclusion

Psalm 16:11 ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Beautiful One

Verse 1

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are

Chorus

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Verse 2

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are

Bridge

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

Bridge

My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
Beautiful One

Is He Worthy

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken - We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen - We do
But do you know that all the dark Won't stop the light from getting through - We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new - We do

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning - It is. Is a new creation coming - It is
Is the glory of the Lord - To be the light within our midst - It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this - It is

Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy - Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, Is He worthy - Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this - He is

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us - He does. Does the Spirit move among us - He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves - He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us - He does

Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son - Is He worthy, Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy - Is He worthy - Is He worthy of this - He is

Ending

Is He worthy, Is He worthy, He is, He is

From The Inside Out

Verse 1

A thousand times I've failed
Still Your mercy remains
And should I stumble again
Still I'm caught in Your grace
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Verse 2

Your will above all else
My purpose remains
The art of losing myself
In bringing You praise
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Chorus 1

In my heart in my soul
Lord I give You control
Consume me from the inside out Lord
Let justice and praise
Become my embrace
To love You from the inside out

Chorus 2

Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise
From the inside out
Lord my soul cries out (Lord)

You Are Life

Verse 1

You have come and we have found
Life everlasting
Now alive to know Your freedom
Never ending

Pre-Chorus

You alone have made a way for us
In Your love You are life

Chorus 1

I'm living in the light of my Saviour
Dancing in the arms of forever
I'm singing like I'm walking on water
You are life alive in me

Verse 2

From greyest skies to living colour
You have called us
In Your life Your light uncovered
The world to see now

Chorus 2

I give my life to follow
'Cause Your love is all I want now
You are life
You are life alive in me

Bridge

For all the world to find Your love
For all the world to see that You are God
Forever be lifted high
The One who holds the universe
And ev'ry beating heart across the earth
Jesus be lifted high
You are life