

Park Road Church invites you to love Jesus deeply by worshiping fully, learning humbly, and loving extravagantly



Sunday, May 2, 2021 | | 1 Samuel 12

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is awesome and worthy of all honor and praise

All: His mercy and goodness follows me all the days of my life

Leader: The Lord is faithful to His children

All: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever

Musical Meditation

Confession: There are times that I know I turn aside from following you Lord. There are times that I do not serve you with all my heart and I turn aside to chase after empty and worthless things that cannot profit or deliver.

Declaration: : But you have promised us, that you will not forsake your people. In spite of our wandering hearts, in your grace and love it has pleased you to make us a people for yourself, for the glory and honor of your name.

All: Hallelujah

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Sermon – God Will not Forsake His People

Communion

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Words of Institution

Corporate Response Through Singing

Come Thou Fount

All Glory Be to Christ

Benediction

Flowers today are given by Sue Mengel in memory of good friends.

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Sermon Text Notes, and Quotes:

Actions Give Power to our Words

Richard Simmons Vs. Dwayne the Rock Johnson

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Sin revealed in thunder

"He showed them their folly in desiring a king to save them, rather than God or Samuel, promising themselves more from an arm of flesh than from the arm of God or from the power of prayer. Could their king thunder with a voice like God? Could their prince command such forces as the prophet could by his prayers? He intimated to them that how serene and prosperous soever their condition seemed to be now that they had a king, like the weather in wheat-harvest, yet, if God pleased, he could soon change the face of their heavens, and persecute them with his tempest, as the Psalmist speaks." Matthew Henry

Prone to Wander, and We Feel It

"And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. 21 And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. 22 For the Lord will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself." 1 Sam. 12:20-22

"There is a very small chance that your kid will become a professional sports athlete, but there is a 100% chance that they will one day stand before God." Unknown

Anything that continually takes our hearts away from the Lord and weakens our love and passion for God must be repented of for the health of our own soul!

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

The Lord Will not Forsake His people

"For the Lord will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself." 1 Samuel 12:23

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;" Isaiah 53:6

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. **28** You shall

dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God." Ezekiel 36:25-28

What was the main reason and highest purpose that Jesus died on the cross?

"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son **that the Son may glorify you**, ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do." John 17:1,4

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.²⁸ **Father, glorify your name.**" Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." John 12:27-28

Just as Samuel told Israel that God will not forsake them, that He has made them a people for Himself and God did this for His name's sake, so the primary purpose of Jesus dying on the cross was to glorify God for His name's sake.

"Before the cross can be for our sake, it must be for God's sake." John Piper

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes." Ezekiel 36:22-23

If the most horrible thing about sin in the life of a sinner is that it keeps them from glorifying God, the greatest thing about being born again and putting our faith in Jesus Christ is that we are now able to glorify, praise, worship and honor God with our lives!

Study Questions

Actions Give Power to our Words

1. Have you ever met someone, in any area of life who was all bark and no bite, all talk and no walk?
2. How about someone who was the real deal and their bark matched their bite?
3. How does a person's actions and words affect how we view people?
4. If you could use two hands, do you think you could beat the Rock in an arm wrestling match?

Prone to Wander, and We Feel It

1. What areas are you aware of that sometimes cause you to wander away from God?
2. What ways have you found work the best to keep close to God and to not turn aside from Him?
3. In what ways can even something as noble as ministry and serving at the church cause our hearts to turn away from God?

The Lord Will not Forsake His people

1. Why do you think God cares so much about His name or reputation? Is He being prideful?
2. What is the primary purpose of Jesus dying on the cross?
3. What does John Piper really mean when he says, "Before the cross can be for our sake, it must be for God's sake."
4. Read Ezekiel 36:22-23 What is the main takeaway?
5. When we look at Romans 3:23 it says "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The greek word for glory is Doxa. It can mean honor, praise or worship. What is the worst thing about the sinner who does not have faith in Christ?
6. What was the main reason that God decided to make a people for Himself? How does that benefit mankind?