

## Light On Our Path



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**Psalm 20:7** “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.”

### *We Trust in the Name of the LORD Our God*

Reading: Psalm 20  
Text: Psalm 20:7

When we began our worship this morning, we confessed that our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. This sentence should mean more to all of us than just saying that it's time for the morning worship service to begin. When we hear the same words repeated each week, it may seem like just a tradition if these words are not spoken from the heart.

This short sentence, this one simple thing, is what our life is built on. These words say who we are as people, who we are as the people of God. These words are a confession that we do not seek our help in anyone, or in anything else, besides our Lord. When we say these words, we say that we can't help ourselves. Everything we have comes from the hand of the Lord. These words are our public profession of our faith.

In Psalm 20 we have a confession of faith of the Old Testament church. Psalm 20 was a song that the people of Israel sang before they went into battle. When they are preparing for war, the people know that their only help is in the Lord's name;

their only confidence is in the Lord, and the only strength that they have comes from him. In the opening verses of the psalm, the people show that they trust in the Lord to give the king success. Next the king answers: he knows now that the Lord will be with him. And finally the people confess their faith in God. The psalm is like a conversation between the king, the people, and their God. But in all of these sections, there is one thing that unites them - this psalm is a public profession of the faith of God's people. The Old Testament people of Israel were God's church, and today, as God's church, as his people, we confess the same thing. Because while some trust in chariots, and some in horses, we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Those who trust in chariots and horses are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up. We stand firm because our help is in the name of the Lord.

The people of Israel have been called together to meet with the Lord at the tabernacle. It's the morning of battle. The soldiers are gathered, and they wait for the call to head out on their next fight. Their weapons, their shields, their swords, and their spears have been made ready. The young men have been in training for this moment, and they wait for the minute when they'll be sent out.

With them is the king, King David, the great warrior king. His rule had begun with great victories. First he had defeated the Philistines, who were the constant enemy. This was followed by a whole series of victories that made the kingdom of Israel large and

powerful. God had promised Abraham that his children would rule the land from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates, and God was keeping his promise.

King David is a warrior king, destroying his enemies, the enemies of God's people, the enemies of God! King David was showing that he was a man after God's own heart – he wasn't after his own glory or fame; his only goal was to praise the Lord, and to build God's people, his church. He is God's king, the great king. He points forward to the Great King who reigns at the right hand of God to this very day, Jesus Christ.

After all of this success, after all of these great victories, after the enemies of God's people of been defeated, you might think that they would become proud. Success after success, victory after victory – it wouldn't be hard to imagine the people thinking, “We've done all this. We have become a great nation, and it's because we have been so skillful. We have defeated our enemies, because our king is the greatest king in the world.”

The nations around Israel placed their trust in their kings, and some of the nations around them even made their leaders into gods. But when God's people were living by faith, this wasn't their way. Their way was to call upon the Lord. Because they knew, they fully believed, that their help was in the name of the Lord. And they knew that it wasn't they themselves who were winning the battles. It wasn't their victories that were being won.

Everything came from the Lord's hand. They knew it was the Lord, and the Lord alone, who could deliver them. He had shown this when he saved them from slavery in Egypt, and he had shown this when the people entered the land of Canaan. The Lord brought down the walls of Jericho and allowed the people to enter the land. He had shown them that he could be trusted completely to fulfill his promises.

And so the people pray to the Lord for the king and his army. May the Lord answer you in the day of battle, they pray. May his name protect you. May he send you help and grant you support.

David knows that he depends completely on the Lord for all of his success. His success comes from the Lord. His success is meant for the glory of the Lord. The words in this psalm are the words of God. They're the words of the people of Israel. They're the words of David. Through the Holy Spirit he gave these words to his people. He wrote these words to make sure that his people were focused on the right things, to make sure that their heart was in the right place.

But there's one more thing – these words are our words. We aren't gathered this morning with an army at the ready to head off for battle against the Philistines. But we're God's people, just like the people who originally sang this song. And we can sing these words as our own words. God gave us these words to remind

us that in everything we do we depend totally on him. Every day is the day of battle in the life of a Christian. Every day we're at war, against Satan and his helpers, against our own sin, against the forces of evil that are constantly attacking us. Every day we need God's support.

The people of Israel asked that the Lord would remember the sacrifices and burnt offerings of their king. And every day we can place the same request before the Lord, but in a much fuller way - because the final sacrifice has been offered, once and for all, in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. We can come to the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ, and ask him that he remember his final sacrifice on the cross.

We are completely dependent on God; everything we have comes from the hand of the Lord. We confess that we need the blood of Christ, which has washed us clean from all our sins. Only through Christ can we come to the Lord in prayer, and be sure that he will hear us.

We can have a total and complete confidence that God will hear our prayers, for the sake of his Son; that's why we end our prayers by saying that we pray "in Jesus' name!"

We can have the same confidence that the people of Israel had. We can speak of the battle having already been won, because the great battle, the battle against sin and Satan, has already been won. When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with

Christ, in his great victory on the cross. The final weapon, the weapon that defeated Satan, was the weapon of the cross of Christ. Christ's victory is our victory; this victory was won, for us!

So the people confess their faith. They compare themselves with the nations around them. "Some trust in chariots," they say, "and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."

Perhaps the best-known Bible story that speaks of chariots and horses is the story of the Exodus, and the Lord's deliverance of his people from the chariots and horsemen of Pharaoh and his army. Over and over again the chariots, and horses of Pharaoh are mentioned in Exodus 14.

All of the latest technology was set against the people of Israel. We don't know a thing about chariots or horses today, but in Bible times, they were the greatest, most powerful weapons that an army could have. Today we could say, "Some trust in tanks, some trust in bombers, but we trust in the Lord."

But God says, "I will gain glory through the chariots and horsemen of Pharaoh." So all of the wicked army follow the people of Israel into the sea, but God steps in. First he makes the Egyptians' chariot wheels fall off. Then he commands Moses to stretch out his arm over the sea so that the waters would flow over the chariots and horsemen of Egypt. And finally the chariots and horsemen are covered by the torrent of water, and none of them

survive. But Israel travels through the sea on dry ground, and when they see the power of the Lord, they fear him and put their trust in him. The people of Israel were being taught a very important lesson by the Lord on that day – don't put your trust in human power – don't put your trust in chariots and horses – put your trust in the Lord!

Trusting in chariots, trusting in horses, trusting in the power of man instead of in the power of the Almighty, is like going back into slavery. It's like going back to Egypt after you have been rescued from the godless enemy. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

It is the LORD who wins the victory. It is the LORD who fights for his people. There is no strength in numbers or military might. There is strength in faith and in trusting in the Lord for everything that we need. Our only help is in the name of the Lord. The Lord wanted King David to trust in his chariots and horses, the chariots and horses of faith, and not in human might or power.

When we are weak, it is because we forget about the power of God. We so easily forget, we so easily fall into thinking that we are going it alone. But we can be strong in the Lord, and in his mighty power.

Who do you trust? Where do you place your confidence? Israel was freed from the power of Egypt. But the Lord knew that they would be tempted to return to Egypt, to look to Egypt for help instead of to him. We have been freed from sin, the devil, and death in Christ, freed to serve the Lord. But we're also tempted to look to our own "chariots and horses" for help, whatever they may be. Today we look at ourselves as being independent - we rely on no one but ourselves. Or we trust in physical things – money, a good job, security, financial stability, the government...

But trusting in anything or anyone other than the Lord is a sure ticket to one thing, and one thing only, and that is slavery. It is only in trusting the Lord that we enjoy perfect freedom; anything else is rejecting the freedom that the Lord has given us, and going back to Egypt.

This war against evil is very real, but our confidence can be real as well; we don't have to trust in a power like the power of the chariots and horses of Egypt - they were useless in the face of the Lord's mighty power. Our King is Jesus Christ, who sits on a throne at God's right hand; God placed all things under his feet, and he rules everything for the sake of his people. He humbled himself, and he was made king. And today, along with the people of Israel, we can be confident in the Lord who rules heaven and earth. Because while some trust in chariots and some in horses, our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

October 14, 2007  
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**Genesis 12:1-9** “The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.”

### ***The obedience of faith***

Reading & Text: Genesis 12:1-9

Central to the Christian faith is obedience to the will of God. On the one hand, we reject a religious moralism which says that you can earn points with God by obeying Him. On the other hand, we reject a religious apathy which says that as long as you believe,

it does not really matter how you live. Because we are justified by faith and not by works.

Yes, we are justified by faith alone. But true faith is never alone. True faith is always accompanied by obedience. If there is no obedience, there is no true faith.

We see that in the life and story of Abraham. Abraham had his moments when his faith faltered and he did dumb things. He was not perfect and some of the stories show that - a couple of blemishes on his life. And yet, father Abraham is a great example of faith and obedience. I say "father Abraham" because of what Paul wrote in Gal. 3: Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

***He believed the promise of God.***

When we first meet Abraham, he is 75 years old. His name is still Abram. God changed his name later. He had spent all his life in southern Iraq. He lived there with his family which was steeped in pagan idolatry. He had livestock, servants, a wife. He was married to Sarai (later called Sarah). Sarai was barren. They were old people and had no children. This was a hard reality for them. If they were not to have children, the name of Abram would die out. His inheritance would go to his brother's family.

God broke into their lives and called them to a radically different life. Abram is told to pack up and move to the land God would show him. Would you want to make a move like that at 75 years of age? Moving is bad enough at any age, let alone at 75. Abram was rooted and established in his community. He was a very wealthy business man with many social and commercial connections. This was not like a young man today slinging a backpack on his shoulders and heading off to see the world for six months.

Do you know what God was doing through Abram? He was bringing his salvation to the world. He chose Abram from among all the people and nations of the world. If you look back at ch. 10 you see the table of nations - many nations of people that spread out over the earth after the great flood. In ch. 11 we have the story of the tower of Babel which shows man in rebellion against God. From all those nations and people living in rebellion against God, the LORD chose Abram, and through him to bring salvation to the world.

All the peoples of the earth would be blessed through Abram. It is through Abram that God brought the messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world. Jesus Christ was the seed of Abram. All who believe in Christ are, in Christ, the seed, the children, of Abram. God's promise to Abram was that his children would be like the stars of heaven, like the grains of sand of the desert. Believers are

that innumerable throng. Because, in Christ, we are children of Abram, Abram's call to faith calls us to faith as well. There is that call to leave that comes to each of us. To follow Christ in faith. To go where Christ directs us. Leaving costs.

Abram was deeply embedded in his life in Iraq. The call to leave it all behind must have caused Abram some serious reflection and contemplation: "Leave my nice life and country behind?" At that time Iraq was a great country, not a war zone like it is today. We, too, are called to leave behind the things of the world. We tend to get deeply embedded in our culture. To be conformed to the world. To love the world. The Lord calls us not to be rooted in the world. He calls us to be rooted in him, to rip our roots out of the dirt of the world and to wrap them around God. Are you, by faith, rooted in Christ? Where are your roots? What are you rooted in? Are you, by faith, rooted, embedded, in Christ alone? Are you a worthy child of Abram? Are you a person of faith as Abram was?

Yes, there is a great cost in believing in Christ and following him in faith. You need to give up everything. But as you give up the things of this world, you get so much more—a place in the kingdom of God.

Abram believed God's promise as you see them in vs 2 & 3. He believed that God would make him into a great nation; that He would bless him; that He would make his name great and make

Abram a blessing; that He would bless those who blessed Abram and curse those who cursed him; and that all the peoples of the earth would be blessed through him.

### ***He obeyed the command of God***

His faith became evident in his obedience. It is captured in the first words of v. 4: *So Abram left, as the LORD had told him.* He banked everything on God. God spoke promises, and Abram obeyed with the obedience of faith. He took his wife Sarai and moved to the land of Canaan. At 75 he embraced a new beginning. It is important to know that Canaan was not empty when Abram moved into it. It was a highly developed land controlled by powerful tribal nations. It was full of people. It had its culture and religions, and powerful armies.

When Abram obeyed God he moved into someone's backyard. He travelled through the land—completed a survey, as it were. The Lord said: "Abram, I am going to give this to your offspring. Not to you, but to your offspring." There was no palace for Abram. He lived out the rest of his many years living in tents. These tents were not Wal-Mart specials, but still, they were tents. He was a resident alien for the rest of his life in Canaan. The only land he would end up owning was a grave plot.

Do you think maybe that Abram was disappointed? "What? This is what you are giving me? I'm to live in someone's backyard? I've got to live in tents? And it's my offspring that is

going to get that land? Not me, but my offspring? There's just one problem: I don't have any children. I'm 75 and my wife is no spring chicken either. How does that work?" Of course we do not exactly know what Abram thought. But we know what he did. He believed and obeyed.

Are you a worthy child of Abram in this regard? We want instant gratification, don't we? If we obey, we want everything to be good and well and nice, right away. That is not faith.

Remember the definition of faith, Hebrews 11:1,2: *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.* Hope is banking on something you don't see right now. Father Abram did not complain. He did not say, "What? What kind of deal is that?" In spite of everything he saw, in spite of his experience, he trusted God; he obeyed his commands.

God calls us who are children of Abram through Christ to obey. To trust and obey. Obeying the Lord may make your life complex. It may imply that you need to break off relationships that are very important to you right now. That you need to get your roots up out of the things of the world. You may need to give up stuff that is very important to you. We all have to leave on a journey. Pick up roots, and move on. Oh, not physically. God does not call many of us to leave physically. In fact, he calls the vast majority of us to stay put here where God has placed us. But he calls us to leave

spiritually. To make a new beginning and to be transformed in the image of Christ. To leave the things of this present age behind. Not to bank our hopes and dreams in the things this world offers, but to live by faith and out of the obedience of faith.

### ***He worshiped the LORD his God***

And to worship the LORD our God. Abram travelled through the land. He built a couple of altars, and worshipped the LORD. He believed in God, he obeyed God, and he worshipped God. Faith followed by faithful obedience leads to worship.

Worshipping means giving your life to some-one or -thing. You worship whatever you have given yourself to. You give yourself to whatever you think will make you happy. You bank on the promise of whatever you let tempt you. E.g., if you think booze or drugs is going to make you happy, you'll give yourself to it. You will worship it and let it control your life. But eventually it will disappoint because you are banking on lies - the lie that worldly things, or sinful things, will satisfy. And they never do. Perhaps you say, "I can't do it. I can't give up my sin. I am embedded so deeply in sin that I can't pull my roots up anymore." Or you say, "I can't let go of the things of this world. They are so important to me. I cannot let go."

Oh, yes you can. At least, a child of Abram can. You can do it in Christ. You can break with sin in Christ. You can let go of the

things of this world, in Christ. God who began a good work in you will make you the image of Christ. All out of grace.

Sometimes we think that whereas we are saved by grace, we need to persevere by our own efforts, but that's not true. Both being justified and being sanctified are out of grace. If someone asked me to write a piece of music worthy of J.S. Bach, I'd say, "I can't do that." But if the spirit of Bach came to live in me, then I would be able. For us to be like Christ by our own power and strength is impossible. But if the Spirit of Christ dwells in us, then we will be Christ-like.

Believe in Christ. Put all your hope in him. Then you will obey. Not in religious moralism, but in the obedience that comes from faith. You will leave behind the things of the world that disappoint and leave us empty. You will leave it all behind and worship God.

Your life will flow from faith → to obedience → to worship. You will be captured by God's grace. You will get beyond a superficial Christian life of sinning, saying you are sorry, sinning again, and saying you're sorry again. You will move on to a life of worship. Because faith that leads to obedience leads to worship.

God is calling you to leave the sinful city. Pull up your roots and leave.

What is he calling you to leave behind as you follow Christ? To what is calling you to say, "Good bye"? You know.

As you look inside your heart, you know. Whose promise are you banking on? The promise of God? Or of the world? Whom are you going to obey? God, or the world? Whom are you going to worship; to give yourself to? In whom are you going to sink your roots? In the world? Or in Christ?

October 21, 2007  
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**Genesis 24:58b** "I will go," she said."

### *The Marriage of Isaac*

Reading: Genesis 24  
Text: Genesis 24:58b

Abraham is alone now. Sarah is with the Lord. Abraham must now pay attention to the future of his only child; his son Isaac, for Isaac had grown up. Who would be his wife? It must not be one of the women of the land because they were unworthy to serve as the mother of his grandchildren. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah had proven that.

So Abraham sent Eliezer to the distant land whence he had come, where his kinsmen lived. There he would get a wife for Isaac. Eliezer was a trusted, wise, and godly servant in Abraham's household. He promised Abraham he would find a wife for Isaac. He travelled to that land, and when he came to the town he was

looking for, he asked God for direction. He said to God, “The woman who brings water for me and my camels, let her be the one I must bring back.”

Well, that very thing happened. Rebecca gave water to Eliezer and for his camels. He knew then that this must be the wife for his master’s son. He took out some jewelry and gave them to her. Rebekah was so excited, she ran home to tell her family. Laban, her brother, went out to Eliezer and invited him to his home. When he got there, Eliezer was immediately invited to a feast. But Eliezer would not eat. Instead, he said, “I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say.”

As Eliezer gives his account, he uses godly language. Abraham had said that God would send his angel ahead of him to give him success in seeking a wife for Isaac (vs 40); he prayed God to help him make the right choice (vs 42) and when he had made his choice, he thanked God for his blessing (48).

Given this context, what could Laban and Bethuel (Rebekah’s father) say, except, “*This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other. Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed.*” (verse 50-51)

But Laban and Bethuel were tender with their beloved Rebekah. They said, “Let’s call the girl and ask her about it”(vs 57). So they did. The final decision was hers. Do you think it was

an easy matter for Rebekah to know what she should do? Yes, it was quite clear what God’s will was. But was it easy for her to do it? Of course not. She had to leave the home of her mother and father, her brother Laban and all the rest of her family. She had to go far to the west, to the land of Canaan. She did God’s will, but she never saw her family again.

So why did she do it? Certainly not because she loved Isaac. She didn’t even know him. No, she went because it was clear to her that this was God’s will. She was a devote and spiritual young woman. She would obey, even if she would feel the consequence of it for the rest of her life. She would be just the sort of woman Abraham wanted for his son Isaac.

And that is how it should be for us all. God has chosen us to be the bride for his Son, Jesus Christ - he did so even without asking us. He chooses those whom he will bring to himself. But in the covenant, just as with Rebekah, God gives us a choice. He shows to us the way we should go, the life we should live as Christians. Do you want to live like this? Are you ready to give up the world that you might be Christ’s bride?

As Abraham sent Eliezer, God sends the Holy Spirit. He asks, “Will you be my child? Are you prepared to leave this world for the promise of a better world? Are you willing to live by faith, and not by sight? Are you willing to trust in God? Will you

believe in his love, as Rebekah trusted in Isaac's love, and more, as Jesus trusted and believed in the Father's love?

We must learn to walk with the Holy Spirit as he leads us to Jesus Christ. Let us learn to obey because it's just the right thing to do. Love the Lord God for Jesus sake, as Rebekah did and you will be blessed forever.

October 28, 2007  
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**Genesis 25:32** “‘Look, I am about to die,’ Esau said. ‘What good is the birthright to me?’”

### *Isaac's Children*

Reading: Genesis 25:22-34  
Text: Genesis 25:32

Jacob and Esau were twins, born of the same woman on the same day. Like all siblings, they fought. But it was different with these two. They fought all the time. They fought already before they were born, while they were still inside their mother's womb! And they never stopped after that. For there was a great tension between them. At birth already, Jacob fought to be first, but Esau won. Esau was older than Jacob, but not by much. That meant it would be really hard for Esau to always be better, faster, stronger and smarter than his younger brother. He would have to work non-stop to always remain on top, as every older brother will do.

Esau had to work hard at it, not only because Jacob was so near in age to him, but also because God was against him. Just before the twins were born, God had told his parents that the younger would be greater and the older would serve him.

Esau had come to hate his younger brother Jacob. Though they were twins, they had nothing in common. They were like black and white; Esau was first and Jacob was last; one was a hunter and the other a home boy; one was daddy's boy and the other was mamma's boy; one lived for the pleasures he could have now; the other hoped for the pleasure he could have in God. This last matter is the one that mattered most, and figure in our story.

Spiritual values do not just pop out of nowhere. They express the deepest held convictions that rest at the roots of our being. They say who we are. When Esau despised the blessing, he spoke from the core of his being, from the convictions that had been forming since his earliest youth.

I challenge you to give this matter your attention: Be careful how you think; take care of what values you hold, that is, what you cherish and what you despise, because at some moment in your life you will be pressed, as Esau was: Do you really hold these values? What are you willing to give up so that you might have what you want?

When something grips your heart, you will do anything to have it or keep it. There are countless men who have given up

everything for an illicit sexual affair (see Proverbs 5). There are countless men and woman on the Hamilton streets who will do anything to get a fix. Drugs are expensive, and in order to get the money, they will break and enter, they will attack and rob, they will murder.

Esau was gripped by a desire to have food. What was he willing to give up in order to have it? Here his values were pressed hard. Was he willing to give up future joy with God to have the passing pleasure of good food and a full stomach? His hunger pressed him to choose which values mattered most to him. The right as first-born belonged to him because he was born first. That meant that the promise of God to Abraham, along with the wealth of his father Isaac, would go to him. How much did he value God's promise to bless him and make him the source of blessing to the world?

He says to Jacob, "*Look, I am about to die! What good is the birthright to me?*" He is exaggerating, of course, but that is what the desires of our heart are like: "I can't live without it! I need a drink now. It doesn't matter why, but I want a fix now."

Esau sold the future to buy the present. He sold the birthright of eternal blessing to purchase a momentary pleasure of food. What insanity drives us to act that way? What posses us to do such stupid things? Look at the value of Esau's exchange: "*He ate and drank, and then got up and left*" (vs 34). That was it. He

got up and left. Brief is the pleasure of sin, and infinite is the loss we suffer because of it. Later, Esau realized how great his loss was, and he begged his father to bless him, but he could not (Gen. 27:38).

My dear brother, sister, and friend, set Jesus Christ upon your heart and pray that he may be the fullness of all your desires. Jacob desired the blessing, and to have a relationship with God. He never stopped looking for an opportunity to get that blessing from his brother.

But understand this: If you cherish a life with Jesus, it will cost you. It cost Jacob his pot of stew. Later on, it would cost him nearly his life, as he must run to save his life (that's another story). It may cost you all that you have too, maybe your very life. Countless are those who have died rather than to give up the Saviour Jesus. Are you prepared to pay the cost of believing in Jesus Christ? For if you have him, you have an inheritance that is kept in the safest place in all creation: with God. It will never be stolen; it will remain spotless and as beautiful as when you first received it.

So examine your heart. Where is your treasure? As many of you consider making a public profession of your faith, and soon after that, to come to the Lord's supper: examine your heart. What are your values? What do you cherish?

Rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the care of a loving Father in heaven. And give yourself to him. Though it may cost you all that you have, you will not regret it.