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There is no peace like the peace of those whose minds are possessed with full assurance that they have known God, and God has known them, and that this relationship guarantees God's favor to them in life, through death and on forever.

— J. I. Packer

# Promises for a Persevering Church

## **Scripture for Meditation**

*1 Corinthians 1:26–29*

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For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption . . . .

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## **Hymn of Holiness**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! raise our eyes to Calv'ry,  
That we might behold Thy Son condemned upon the tree.  
Oh, how sin has cost Thee; oh, Thy grace and mercy!  
Christ, fully punished; sinners, fully free!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

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## **Offertory Hymn of Wonder**

*Only a Holy God*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus:*

*Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only;  
Cry out, sing holy,  
Forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God.  
Only my Holy God!

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## **Prayer of Blessing**

## Responsive Reading

*Isaiah 22:15–24*

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, “Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: What have you to do here, and whom have you here, that you have cut out here a tomb for yourself, you who cut out a tomb on the height and carve a dwelling for yourself in the rock?

**Behold, the Lord will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land.**

There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master's house. I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

**And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.**

And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons.”

## **Hymn of Confession**

### *Not in Me*

No list of sins I have not done,  
No list of virtues I pursue,  
No list of those I am not like  
Can earn myself a place with You.  
O God, be merciful to me;  
I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness  
Is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,  
No lifted hands, no tearful song,  
No recitation of the truth  
Can justify a single wrong.  
My righteousness is Jesus' life,  
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by Him  
And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,  
No work I do, no gift I give  
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;  
I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again;  
The power of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me  
And merciful in Christ alone.

*Tag:*

*My righteousness is Jesus' life,  
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by Him  
And He alone can give me rest.*

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## **Prayer of Corporate Confession**

### **Silence for Personal Confession**

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Revelation 1:17b, 18*

But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

### **Hymn of Pardon**

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face  
away

As wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my  
ransom.

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## **Dismissal for Children**

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed  
for children's classes downstairs.

## **Hymn of Praise**

### *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

*Refrain:*

*O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come, and rejoice in His great love!  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin.  
Cast all your burdens now on Him!

He shall return in pow'r to reign.  
Heav-en and earth will join to say:  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King!

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## **Ministry of the Word**

### **Notes**

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## **Sunday Service Times**

9:15 am          Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am        Corporate Worship Service

\*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at [ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com](http://ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com).

**Emmanuel Bible Church** is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

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*Ministers*

The congregation at large

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