**Sunday, November 4, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship –** *1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Psalms 66:2, 72:19, 145:5; John 14:12, 13; Colossians 1:11, 12*

*Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.*

*May His glorious name be praised forever; the whole earth is filled with His glory.*

*I will speak of Your glorious splendor and Your wonderful works. May You be praised, LORD God of our father Israel, from eternity to eternity.*

*Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to You.*

*I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. In Your hand are power and might, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.*

*Now therefore, our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name.*

*May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints’ inheritance in the light.*

**Songs of Praise –** *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name/Majesty*

**A Holy God –** *Psalm 24;1-6; Hebrews 12:14/The Treasury of David by C.H. Spurgeon*

We serve a holy God. In order to give God the honor that is due Him, we need to be honest with ourselves about who we are and about our sinfulness. King David asked these questions:

*Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?*

The answer was and still is:

*He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. (*Psalm 24:1-6)

Those who draw near to God must have *"clean hands."* If our hands are unclean, let us wash them in Jesu's precious blood, and so let us pray unto God, lifting up pure hands. But *"clean hands"* will not suffice, unless they are connected with *"a pure heart."* We may wash the outside of the cup and the platter as long as we please; but if the inward parts are filthy, we are filthy altogether in the sight of God, for our hearts are more truly ourselves than our hands are. We may lose our hands and yet live, but we could not lose our heart and still live; the very life of our being lies in the inner nature, and hence the imperative need of purity within. There must be a work of grace in the core of the heart as well as in the palm of the hand, or our religion is a delusion. May God grant that our inward powers may be cleansed by the sanctifying Spirit, so that we may love holiness and abhor all sin. The pure in heart shall see God, all others are but blind bats.

Our God is the God of all the earth. He is holy and will admit none but holy ones into his presence. Let us be reminded of Hebrews 12:14:

*“Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.”*

Let’s take a moment in silent prayer asking the Spirit to cleanse our hands and our hearts, in order that we may strive to live a holy life pleasing unto our Father.

**Song of Worship –** *Give Us Clean Hands*

**Set Your Mind and Heart on the Lord** *– 1 Chronicles 22:13, 16* Hear the words of our Lord from 1 Chronicles, Chapter 22:

*Be strong and courageous. Fear not; do not be dismayed.*

*Set your mind and heart to seek the LORD your God.*

**Song of Worship –** *Show Us Christ***Offering *(“If you don’t delight in the fact that your Father is holy, holy, holy, then you are spiritually dead. You may be in a church. You may go to a Christian school. But if there is no delight in your soul for the holiness of God, you don’t know God. You don’t love God. You’re out of touch with God. You’re asleep to His character.”* R.C. Sproul)A People of Unclean Lips – *Isaiah 6:1, 5 (Source: Sojourn Music)*** Singing about the holiness of God should remind us how far from holy, how far from perfect, and how burdened we are with uncountable flaws and weaknesses. The prophet Isaiah, when he beheld the holiness of God, cried out in desperation over his sinfulness:

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple…*

*“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”*

Like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips.

Hear this prayer:

*Lord, may we have the eyes to see your holiness and feel ruined.  
May we know the depths of our sin and the heights of your holiness.*

*Forgive us for sinning against one another,  
and forgive us for sinning against you.*

*Through the blood of Jesus, we plead for mercy and grace,  
knowing that He welcomes and forgives sinners like us.*

*It’s through his name we ask all these things,  
Amen.*

Brothers and sisters, remember this truth and declare it with me:

No matter how deep our sins, How far we’ve fallen,  
Or what shameful things we’ve done in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

He who knew no sin became sin for us  
That we might be the righteousness of God!

**Songs of Worship –** *Grace Flows Down/How Deep the Father’s Love*

**Message** – *“Beware of False Prophets”*   
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:15-20*

**Take-away’s**

1. **Discernment** As God’s children, these passages call us to not be passive but to make judgments about men according to God’s word.

2. **Penalty & Test** for false prophets. (Deuteronomy 13:1-11/1 John 4:1-3)

3. **Hogs & Dogs** are easy to detect as they hate the God we love; they are total opposites. But in these passages they appear as sheep but instead are wolves!

4. **Creeds**   
**a.** A false teacher is identified by what he doesn’t say. He ignores sin, God’s holiness, etc.  
**b.** The true child of God must not be lazy but rather a disciplined saint in the word of God and in prayer. This will help detect these false prophets and professions of faith.

5. **Character** of false prophets never sees God’s holiness and their sinfulness as they should. They walk in pride, rather than humility and meekness.

6. **Converts**  It is possible to be reformed and Calvinistic, yet be unconverted. (Galatians 5:22-24/Matthew 5:2-12)

**Time of Prayer**