

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### The Lord's My Shepherd #293

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- May birthdays: Tim Burnett 11<sup>th</sup> ; Lilah McPheeters 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Pastor John Reeves is preaching at Fairmont Grace Church in Sylacauga, Alabama today. Larry Criss is the pastor there.
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#### HYMN

#### Near the Cross #351

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#### MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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#### CLOSING HYMN

#### The Sands of Time Are Sinking #509

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Lord, save us and we will be saved. Call us and we will come. Speak to us and we will listen. Feed us and we will be fed. You have started the work; You must finish it. We are completely at Your mercy. We are the work of Your hands.

— *pastor Gabe Stalnaker*

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The word “propitiation” is the mercy seat. The mercy seat was the same dimensions as the ark of the testimony. It exactly covered the law which was in the ark. It was upon the mercy seat that the high priest sprinkled the blood of the lamb on the day of atonement. It was there at the mercy seat where God promised to meet with his people. The Lord Jesus is that Mercy Seat for God's elect. By Christ's sin-atonement sacrifice at Calvary, Christ removed all the obstacles between God and his people. Seeing God who we offended provided his own Son to propitiate the sins of his people then we know that God really will meet with a sinner and commune with a sinner through faith in Christ. Knowing the one I offended provided his Son to be the propitiation and knowing God declares Christ is the only one in whom he will meet with a sinner then come to God through faith in Christ.

— *pastor Clay Curtis*

## Self and Pride

Have you ever seen a generation so full of itself? Seemingly every thought is about self. It's not about knowing self, but about serving self. If this generation was occupied with truly knowing itself, it would be ashamed of itself. Some of the smartest people that have ever lived in this world are living today - just ask them, just listen to them, just watch them; yet, as they are suffered to carry out their wise designs they are destroy themselves.

What is it that everyone in our generation should know about themselves? That they are nothing. "If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

Everyone in this generation needs to know he is deserving of nothing - not another breath, step, food, drink, health, job or freedom or anything else, but to be immediately judged of God and punished in hell forever for their sins. "If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me." Are God's enemies deserving of any good?

How few in our generation suppose themselves to be God's enemy - or even care to think of such a thing? How many suppose themselves worthy of being rewarded with slashes of God's glittering sword? What an awakening for this generation when God exposes its sin to itself. How horrified it will be to see itself as it really is. Oh, it's so proud, so smart, so educated, so worthy, but just wait.

Lloyd Jones said "pride is the last citadel of self. We have come to realize that a man can be educated and cultured, and still be a beast. The natural man is always looking at himself and admiring himself. The whole trouble in life, is ultimately a concern about self."

The modern man is a great worshiper. He has great faith, great enlightenment, but it's all about self. Now go take a selfie.

— *pastor Bruce Crabtree*

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In respect to GOD, the death of Christ was justice and mercy. In respect to THIS WORLD, the death of Christ was murder and cruelty. In respect to HIMSELF, the death of Christ was obedience and humility. In respect to HIS ELECT, the death of Christ was wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

— *John Flavel (1627–1691)*

