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**We're glad you're here!**



# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

## Hymn 228



# We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise





**We bring a sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord; We bring a sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving; and we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.**

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# Let's Just Praise the Lord



**Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let's  
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# **Call to Worship**

***Psalm 119:121-128***



**Psalm 119:121-128** I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me. My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies! It is time for the LORD to act, for your law has been broken. Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.

# Blessed Be the Name

## Hymn 352



# Precious Lord Take My Hand

## Hymn 611







# Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

[plbiblechurch@gmail.com](mailto:plbiblechurch@gmail.com)

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done  
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and  
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

# Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:  
Promise Land Bible Church  
PO Box 1437  
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

# *Famous Quote:*

*“She is a traitor to the Master who sent her if she is so beguiled by the beauties of taste and art as to forget that to ‘preach Christ ... and Him crucified’ is the only object for which she exists among the sons of men. The business of the Church is salvation of souls.”*

**CHARLES SPURGEON**



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**Today's Message**

**“This is a Test, Part 2”**

***(Will you believe & love the Truth?)***

**Scripture text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

# This is a test!

It will be Pass or Fail ...

Life or Death ...

**And it's just getting started!!!**

**Joshua 24:15** And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the **LORD, choose this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because **they refused to love the truth and so be saved.** Therefore God sends them a **strong delusion**, so that **they may believe what is false**, in order that all may be condemned **who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

**John 17:17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.



**The vast majority of the world's population will be lost.**

Many will die in that terrible Day of the Lord. This is what God will allow and send on earth.

**Revelation 6:7-8** When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were **given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill** with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

**Revelation 8:10-11** The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. **A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died** from the water, because it had been made bitter.

**Revelation 9:18** By these **three plagues a third of mankind was killed**, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths.

**Revelation 11:11-14** But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. And **at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified** and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

Others will perish in judgment when Jesus Christ returns and separates the saved from the lost (Matt. 25:31–46).

**It is important to note that these people did have opportunity to believe and be saved.** God has no delight in judging the lost (Ezek. 33:11). God is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



These people will be judged and will suffer forever because they **would not receive and believe the truth**. In fact, their hearts will be so evil that they will not even have any *love for the truth*. Those who love lies and make lies **will be excluded from the heavenly city and sent to the lake of fire**.

**Revelation 22:14-15** Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that **they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates**. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and **everyone who loves and practices falsehood**.

**Paul taught a sobering truth: a person can so resist the truth that he finally becomes deluded and has to believe a lie. There can be no neutral ground: either we believe the truth or we believe a lie. To reject the truth means to receive the lie.**

**Does this mean that God is to blame for a man's rejection of Christ?**

No more than God was to blame for Pharaoh's spiritual condition when Moses was bringing the plagues on Egypt.

**Pharaoh heard God's Word and saw God's wonders, yet he refused to bow to God's will.**

Pharaoh occasionally relented and **gave lip service** to God's will; but **he always resisted in the end and refused to obey God**. He hardened his heart so that he **could not believe the truth**, and this led to God's final judgment of the land of Egypt.

2 Thessalonians 2:11 reads literally, "**That they should believe the lie.**" What is "the lie"? Satan is the liar and has foisted many deceptions on the human race.

But **there is one "lie" that, from the beginning, has led people astray.**

Satan first spoke it to Eve: **“You shall be as God!”** The lie is the idea that man is his own God and therefore **can do whatever he pleases** and better himself by his own human efforts. The process is described in Romans 1:18ff. Note especially Romans 1:25: “Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator” (literal translation).

**Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.**



**Romans 1:24-27** Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For **this reason God gave them up** to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

**All of which means that Satan appeals to man's pride.**

**It was pride that turned Lucifer into Satan.**

**Isaiah 14:12-15** "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! **You said** in your heart, '**I will** ascend to heaven; above the stars of God **I will** set my throne on high; **I will** sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

**It is pride, that traps men into doing Satan's will in this world.**

**2 Timothy 2:24-26** And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. **God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**

A friend told me about a church officer on the mission field who was causing great problems in the church. Whenever the missionary was in the village, the officer lived a godly life; but no sooner did the missionary leave than the man began to behave as though he were controlled by Satan. Finally the missionary and several church leaders confronted the man in the name of Jesus Christ, and they discovered the truth: **Satan was using pride to control the officer's life.**

“When I was ordained an elder,” the man explained, “I heard a voice say to me, ‘**Now you are somebody important.**’ I yielded to that voice, and Satan took over in my life.” **He confessed his sin, the church prayed, and God delivered him.**



**“Now you are somebody important!” “Worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator.” This is Satan’s lie, and I fear it is what rules the world today.**

**God originally made man in His own image. Today, man is making God in his own image.**

**The people Christ will judge not only do not love the truth, but they have “pleasure in unrighteousness”.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

# Let There Be Peace on Earth

## Hymn 681

