

WELCOME TO HAVEN

April 7, 2024

Welcome

Worship Songs

"Only King Forever"
"Salt & Light"

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG)

Message

"Believe-A-Mania: Salt & Light"

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

"O Praise The Name/ How Great Is Our God"

*Closing



“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

– Luke 19:10

WHY WE SHARE OUR FAITH

■ Because this is _____

“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth... Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”

– Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG)

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

– 2 Peter 3:9

■ Because _____

“God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person’s failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.”

– John 3:17-18 (MSG)

■ Because _____

“I came so that (people) can have real and eternal life, more and better than they ever dreamed of.”

– John 10:10 (MSG)

■ Because _____

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all.”

– 2 Corinthians 5:14

“But what happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.”

– Galatians 5:22-23 (MSG)

_____ in all its varied expressions	_____ in action
_____ that overflows	_____ that prevails
_____ that subdues	_____ of heart
_____ that endures	_____ of spirit

■ Recognize the _____ God gives me

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD.”

– Psalm 37:23 (KJV)

“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps”

– Proverbs 16:9

■ Refocus on the _____ in which I live

○ _____ not negative

“For God loved the world so much that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.”

– John 3:16 (GNT)

○ _____ not battle ground

“To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.”

– 1 Corinthians 9:22

○ _____ not my perspective

“So Paul took...laid it out for them. “It is plain to see that you Athenians take your religion seriously. When I arrived here the other day, I was fascinated with all the shrines I came across. And then I found one inscribed, to the god nobody knows. I’m here to introduce you to this God so you can worship intelligently, know who you’re dealing with.”

– Acts 17:22-23

○ _____ not pressing

“Don’t get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. The Lord’s servants must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone. They must be able to teach effectively and be patient with difficult people. They should gently teach those who oppose the truth. . . Perhaps God will change those people’s hearts, and they will learn the truth.”

– 2 Timothy 2:23-25 (NLT)

○ _____ not conditional love

■ Relay the _____ of hope to a broken world

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander

– 1 Peter 3:15-16