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· [www.nhccftl.org/streams](http://www.nhccftl.org/streams)  
Sunday Morning Worship (10:00 am)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/sunam](http://www.nhccftl.org/sunam)  
The AfterChurch (11:45 am)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/after](http://www.nhccftl.org/after)  
Wed. Night Bible Study (6:30 pm)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/acts](http://www.nhccftl.org/acts)  
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· [www.nhccftl.org/streamed](http://www.nhccftl.org/streamed)

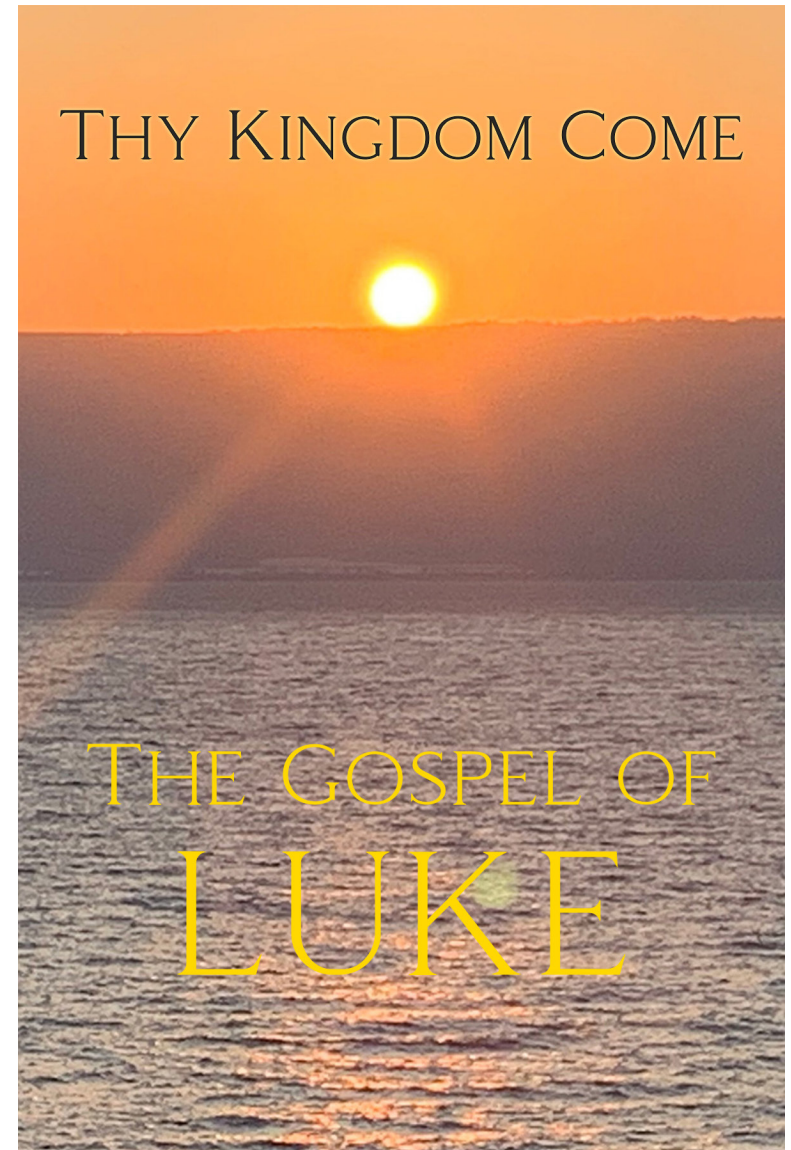


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## Worship Service

July 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

### Announcements

### Call To Worship

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

### Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Moment In The Word: Isa. 61:1-2

Michael Barrett

### Singing Together:

"His Mercy Is More"

"Your Great Name"

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

Responsive Reading: Isa. 29:13-19

### Prayer For The Gathering

The Lord's Prayer

### Doxology

### Friendship Time

Offertory and Special Music: "Fade With Our Voices"

\*\* Dismissal of Children's Church

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:18-23

### Prayer For Illumination

Message: "The Prophet and the Messiah"

### Prayer For Understanding

Response Song: "Open My Eyes That I May See"

### Benediction

Choral Benediction: "We Worship and Adore You"

## Discipleship Opportunities

### The AfterChurch

Immediately after the Service

On campus & streamed\*

*Seeking Deeper Illumination...*

*from God's Word.*

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

*Postponed for the summer.*

### Wednesday Night Youth Group

*Postponed for the summer.*

### J.A.M. Club

*Postponed for the summer.*

### Saturday Bible Studies (2nd & 4th

Saturdays)

\* Men's Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

### Women's Ministries Prayer Team

Third Saturday of each month.

9:00 a.m. in the Library.

*Women praying for women.*

\* *Check the back page for streaming links!*

### We Thank Those Who Serve Today

Sound Booth Bob Timmer  
Anita Orsini

Ushers Steve Shoemaker  
Bill Slager

Greeter Frank Medina

Treats Kaye Williams &  
Sherry Shoemaker

Nursery Dora Medina

## Prayer Needs

Steve Shoemaker & family

Joby Balint

Ron & Janet Pusins

Frank Perkins & family

Ashley Williams

Bobbie Sayre

Donna Weyd

Dee Miller

Paul & Anna DaCosta

Louis Gander

Paul & Edie Huisinga

Alva Leo

Prayer Chain: [prayer@nhccftl.org](mailto:prayer@nhccftl.org)

## Birthdays

Mark Travers July 27

Jan Vermaas July 28

Gertrude Nichols July 30

Dora Medina August 1

Joey Russo August 2

Suzanne Leary August 4

Henry Becker August 5

Cheryl Comer August 6

Pat Pinkston August 6

VV Young August 6

## Anniversaries

Zach & Annie Oles July 27

Brian & Dawn Duplak August 5

## This Week...

24 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.  
The AfterChurch: 11:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Discipleship  
(*Postponed for the summer.*)

30 Christmas Card Workshop -  
10:00 a.m.

## Announcements

Welcome to NewHope Community Church!

### Offerings -

- Today's tithes will support the ministries of New Hope Community Church.
- Today's Special Offering is for: **New Hope Missions.Fund**
- Next Sunday, our special offering will be for: **At Risk Kids Fund**.

### Giving Opportunities -

- Offering Boxes are located at the back of the church. Please drop your offerings as you exit or enter the Sanctuary.
- Online Giving can be made at [www.nhccftl.org/give](http://www.nhccftl.org/give)

### Tithes and Offerings -

- 7/17 General: \$3231
- 7/17 Special: \$ 485

### Special Offering Schedule -

- 7/24 New Hope Missions
- 7/31 Ark Fund
- 8/7 A/C Replacement
- 8/14 Benevolence
- 8/21 Parent Outreach
- 8/28 Haiti Thrift Store

**Thank you from Bonnie Zei:** I would like to extend a thank you to the New Hope family for your prayers, cards, notes and emails that you have sent to me. You have been such a blessing to me during Ed's illness and his passing. With my gratitude and love, Bonnie

**Haiti Boxing Day:** Our next boxing day for the Haiti Thrift Store is Monday, August 1st at 9:00 a.m. in the Narthex.

### Women's Ministry Card Workshop:

Women's Ministry will be having a Christmas in July Card-making workshop on Saturday, July 30, at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 per participant. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. See Pat Pinkston or Jessica Aviles for more information.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Acts of the Apostles is postponed until August. Date to be determined.

### \*Children's Church Teacher needed.:

Children's Church needs preschool teachers. Please email [Ms\\_Janet@nhccftl.org](mailto:Ms_Janet@nhccftl.org)

**AfterChurch volunteers are needed:** for Children's Ministries. Please inquire with [Ms\\_Janet@nhccftl.org](mailto:Ms_Janet@nhccftl.org)

## Scripture Reference: Luke 7:18-23 (ESV)

Luke 7:18. The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John,  
Luke 7:19. calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"  
Luke 7:20. And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'"  
Luke 7:21. In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight.  
Luke 7:22. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.  
Luke 7:23. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

### Synopsis: The Prophet and the Messiah

As Luke continues to describe the Galilean ministry of Jesus, the major theme of the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth is continually evident. But a close observer might question the way Jesus is going about it. After all, the prophets spoke of His power and judgment on the wicked and a Kingdom that knows no end. But Jesus seems to be focused on a small number of disciples, associating with people of suspect morals, opposing the traditions of the Jews, and healing and ministering primarily to the poor. How will He create a mighty Kingdom with these methods? One such close observer was John the Baptist, the one who came to prepare the way for the Lord. But as he was languishing in prison, he began to doubt that Jesus could be the Christ because He was not fitting into the mold both he and his culture had created for the Messiah. We will analyze John's confusion and find that many of the same factors that led to his doubt are plaguing and indeed crippling the church today. We will discover that the problem is not in Jesus, but in our own inability to comprehend Him as the divine Son of God-- infinite in both compassion and holiness. Ultimately Jesus will reveal the solution to this dilemma for all who have eyes to see and ears to hear, with a powerful lesson for both John the Baptist and the church today-- as the last of the Old Testament prophets comes to know the true Messiah of Scripture.

# The Prophet and the Messiah - Luke 7:18-23

## I. Introduction

### A. The task of establishing the Kingdom of God.

1. The devil's strategy.
2. How "not" to establish a mighty Kingdom.

### B. Understandable confusion.

## II. Exposition of the text, Luke 7:18-23.

### A. Context

1. Tracing the development of the Kingdom.
2. Recalling the situation of John the Baptist, John 3:30.

### B. The prophet's concerns, vs. 18-20.

1. Setting the scene, vs. 18-19a.
  - a. Hearing from prison, Luke 7:17.
  - b. Sending his disciples to Jesus.
    - i. John the Baptist is the one with doubt.
    - ii. He took his doubts directly to Jesus.
2. John the Baptist's question, vs. 19-20.
  - a. Noticing the repetition.
  - b. Analyzing John the Baptist's doubt, Luke 7:28.
    - i. John the Baptist is in prison.
      - A ministry on hold.
      - Expectations of deliverance, Isa. 61:1.
      - The issue of fairness, John 1:23, Job 19:7, 12:4,6.
      - A reason for doubt.
    - ii. Mis-interpretation of revelation.
      - Selective interpretation, Psa. 22:1, Isa. 53:12, John 1:29,32-34, Acts 1:6.
      - Just another prophet, Matt. 16:14.
      - Prophetic foreshortening.
    - iii. John the Baptist as an Old Testament prophet.
      - Expecting Judgment, hearing "grace", Luke 3:7-9,17.
      - The Law and the Gospel, Job 21:7-9, Jer. 12:1.

### C. The Messiah's answers, vs. 21-23.

1. Emphasizing God's Providence, vs. 21.
  - a. Another divine appointment.
  - b. The scope of Jesus' authority, Luke 7:7-8.
  - c. The nature of Jesus' healing ministry.
    - i. Relieving suffering.
    - ii. The "one-two-punch" of Apostling.

## 2. Jesus' answer, vs. 22-23.

### a. Evidence of the Christ, vs. 22.

- i. The Old Testament connection, Isa. 35:5-6, 61:1.
  - ii. Listing the evidences.
    - The blind receive their sight, Isa. 35:5, Luke 6:39, 2Pet. 1:9, 2Cor. 4:4.
    - The lame walk.
    - Lepers are cleansed.
    - The deaf hear.
    - The dead are raised, John 3:17,18.
    - The poor have good news preached to them, Isa. 61:1, Luke 4:43.
- ### b. The 5th Beatitude, vs. 23.
- i. Revisiting "makarios".
  - ii. Revisiting "skandalizo".
    - The meaning to John the Baptist.
    - The meaning to the church, Matt. 26:31.

## III. Application

### A. Getting to the heart of the problem.

1. Wrong preconceptions about Jesus.
2. Wrong preconceptions engender doubt.
3. Doubt leads to offense.
4. The nature of the problem.
  - a. An over-emphasis on judgment.
  - b. An over-emphasis on grace, John 5:22, 2Cor. 5:10, Psa. 2:12, Rev. 19:15,16.
5. The root of the problem, Ex. 34:6-7.

### B. Getting to the heart of the solution.

## IV. Conclusion

## Notes

## Worship Songs

July 24, 2022

### Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead On, O King Eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Thro' days of preparation,  
Thy grace has made us strong;  
And, now O King Eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead On, O King Eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords' loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums,  
With deeds of love and mercy  
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead On, O King Eternal,  
We follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
We journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

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## Moment in the Word: Isa. 61:1-2

Is. 61:1. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Is. 61:2. to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

### His Mercy Is More

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

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What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord!  
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## Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way, at the sound of Your great name.  
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name.  
Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name.  
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name.

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,  
Son of God and man.  
You are high and lifted up;  
that all the world will praise Your great name.

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name.  
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name.  
The fatherless, they find their rest at the sound of Your great name.  
Sick are healed and the dead are raised at the sound of  
Your great name.

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,  
Son of God and man.  
You are high and lifted up;  
that all the world will praise Your great name.  
(repeat)

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty;  
My Savior, Defender, You are My King.  
(repeat)

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,  
Son of God and man.  
You are high and lifted up;  
that all the world will praise Your great name.  
(repeat)

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## Nearer, Still Nearer

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,  
Draw me, my Savior—so precious Thou art!  
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast.  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest;  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,  
Naught as an offering to Jesus, my King—  
Only my sinful, now contrite heart.  
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart;  
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine!  
Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,  
All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride.  
Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified;  
Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,  
Till safe in glory my anchor is cast;  
Thro' endless ages ever to be  
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee;  
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

## Scripture Reading: Isa. 29:13-19

[Pastor:] And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

[Congregation:] therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

[Pastor:] Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

[Congregation:] You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

[Pastor:] Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

[Congregation:] In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

[All:}. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## Fade With Our Voices

After all the songs are sung  
And our prayers for Kingdom come,  
Did we bring honor to the words we sing?

Does our worship have hands?  
Does it have feet?  
Does it stand up  
In the face of injustice?  
Does our worship bow down?  
Does it run deep?  
Is it more than a song  
That fades with our voices?  
Does it fade with our voices?

Lord, it's You we long to please,  
Make our lives a melody;  
That we proclaim when  
we live in Jesus' name.

Does our worship have hands?  
Does it have feet?  
Does it stand up  
In the face of injustice?  
Does our worship bow down?  
Does it run deep?  
Is it more than a song  
That fades with our voices?  
Does it fade with our voices?

So, if we raise our hands high  
Let us also reach them out,  
And if we lift our voices up,  
Let it be the sound of love,  
Let it be the sound of love.

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Let our worship have hands,  
Let it have feet,  
Let it stand tall  
In the face of injustice.  
Let our worship bow down  
Let it run deep,  
It's more than a song that  
fades with our voices.  
(repeat)

It won't fade with our voices.  
It won't fade with our voices.

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## Open My Eyes That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see,  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine.

## We Worship and Adore You

We worship and adore You,  
Bowing down before You,  
Songs of praises singing,  
Hallelujah's ringing.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Amen.