

**Scripture:** Acts 2:29:36; 5:27-32; 17:22-34 LD. 13.34

**Singing:** 130:1-5 – 58:1-3 – 3:3-4 – 254:3-5

*Behold, the Judge standeth before the door. James 5:9*

**THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST AS THE LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH**

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**I. Why is He to be revered**

A. Jesus is *Lord of heaven and earth* (Acts 2:35-36; 10:36)

1. He earned this privilege (Ps. 2:1; Phil. 2:8-9)

2. You cannot escape this truth: Acts 17:31

B. Jesus holds the sway of your *body and soul*

1. Heed God's wake-up calls: Matt. 10:28; Acts 2:36

a. what crime to be guilty of: crucifying Christ Jesus, the beloved of God

b. He is now your Lord with all power (authority): Matt 28:18

C. Be assured of a few things that we tend to forget

1. Jesus Christ is **your** Lord or King (Acts 10:36; Phil. 2:9; 1 Cor. 15:27)

a. He owes everything (Ps. 24)

b. He reigns over everything (Rev. 4-5)

2. Jesus Christ is no Persian king like Ahasuerus

a. He is magnificent in glory – grace – goodness (Jer. 9:24; Micah 7:18)

b. He encourages us to come to Him: Matt. 11:28; Acts 3:26

3. Satan is a liar – sin is deceitful – your own heart is darkness

a. Be led by the WORD of God (Prov. 8)

**II. What does the Lord call you to do?**

A. God's answers: Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30; 20:20-21; Matt. 3:8-9; Matt. 4:18

1. The Lord and His ambassadors hammered on *repentance and faith*

B. Your **Lord** commands repentance NOW (Acts 17:30; Is. 1:1-18)

1. Why does He command this?

a. because how you live now will lead to *eternal darkness* (John 3:18-19)

b. because to be reconciled, you need to deal with sin (Matt. 5:25-26)

c. because you need to be stirred to take action (John 16:8; Acts 2:37)

2. What does repentance look like?

a. a change of heart that changes your mouth, hand, and feet

b. Mouth: *you will confess the sins you discover without strings attached*

● Ps. 51:5; Luke 15:18-19; Ps. 32:5

c. Hands/feet (actions): *real repentance is seen in real turnings*

C. Yet repentance doesn't save (Joshua 7:20): ***only faith in Christ is saving!***

1. Doubt Him not: *He is the only suitable Savior for you: Acts 5:31; Heb. 7:24*

a. He is ready to receive and pardon you (Ps. 86; Is. 55:7-9; Matt. 11:28)

b. He promises *instant* forgiveness (now!): Acts 13:38-39; Is. 1:18

2. Let go of Naaman's *Behold, I thought ...* (2 Kings 5:11)

a. be fearful of Jonah's observation: *"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.* (Jonah 2:8)

3. Instead, believe God as He calls and promises in Jeremiah 3:12-13, 22  
*Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and yet have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding*

Will your answer be ...

*Behold, we come unto thee; for thou are the LORD our God. Truly in vain is salvation hoped from the hills and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.* (Jer. 3:22b-23)