

- CHILDRENS SERMON - use this time to pray for the children (short 1 sentence prayers)
  - o Administrators and teachers - as schools are closed
  - o Kids - the uncertainty of times can stress them.
    - Use time wisely at home Idle hands are the devils playground
  - o Homes - peace would reign and that the Prince of Peace would be worshiped

- Different kind of message today - a different kind of circumstance today (a lot changes in 2 wks)
- Have a time of teaching and instruction THREE THOUGHTS DURING TROUBLED TIMES
  - o Attributes of God Promises of God Family of God
- Have a time of prayer and supplication
  - o After each main thought - take time as a church to pray (orderly and worshipfully)
    - Pray silently where you sit or Pray out loud in short 1 sentence prayers

### THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

The name of the Lord is strong tower...Prov. 18:10 lead me to Rock higher than I - Ps. 61:2  
 we need to lift out thoughts higher. Nothing higher than God turn eyes upon Jesus  
 WSQ - what is God? God is Spirit, Infinite, Eternal and Unchangeable, in His being wisdom.....

1. God is Spirit John 4:24
    - a. We are physical (limitations) God is pure/perfect Spirit (not like us)
    - b. Our worship must be spiritual externals only are not sufficient for God who is Spirit
      - i. Ps. 91 false preacher calling for \$91 (Rom. 11:35) keep \$ and read it
  2. Infinite Ps. 139:7-8
    - a. Jer. 23:24 - fills heaven and earth Isaiah 66:1-2
    - b. Infinite in His person and His perfections beyond finding out Job 11:7
  3. Eternal Psalm 90:1-2 Isaiah 57:15 inhabits eternity
    - a. In a temporal world it is good to contemplate the Eternal One
  4. Unchangeable Mal.3:6
    - a. James 1:17 - no variation or shadow of turning Heb. 13:8
      - i. God is the unchangeable I AM infinity, eternally, perfectly the same
    - b. In a ever changing world the unchanging God is a solid anchor for the soul
  5. Those 3 are incommunicable attributes (can't get them - God only) some are communicable
    - a. Wisdom only wise God Rom. 16:27
    - b. Power almighty is anything too hard for the Lord?
    - c. Holiness - separate and distinct (angels are consumed with this perfection - Rev. 4:8)
    - d. Justice the judge of all the earth does right Gen. 18:25 Rev. 16:5
    - e. Goodness Ps. 119:68
    - f. Truth impossible for God to lie Heb. 6:18 Titus 1:2
- Philippians 4:8 whatever is excellent or praiseworthy think on these things

- Latch on to one of these perfections and use it as a prayer of thanksgiving and worship
  - o “pop up prayers” focusing on Gods perfections

## THE PROMISES OF GOD

- God has made many great and precious promises      2 Peter 1:4
- Eternal promises about eternal life - Titus 1:2
- God cannot lie and does not change. We can take Him at His word - we believe Him
  - o Unbelievers essentially are calling God a liar      1 John 5:10
- Use a famous account in Jesus’ ministry as illustration to spur trust in Gods promise
  - o Mark 4:35f                      Jesus calms the storm at sea
    - After long day of ministering                      get into boat
    - Huge storm with waves coming over the side
    - Jesus asleep on pillow
    - Disciples thought Jesus was indifferent to their peril      (John 11:6,21)
    - Jesus commands the waves and they obey
    - Disciples now were more afraid of Jesus than the waves
  - o There is a part of the story we usually leave out
    - Jesus said “LETS GO TO THE OTHER SIDE” (He promised they would get there)
    - He didn’t promise they wouldn’t be a storm or they wouldn’t get wet
    - He didn’t promise they wouldn’t get scared or be in peril
    - He promised they would get to the other side
  - o The same promise is true for us
    - Might be a bumpy ride but we are getting to the other side
- Hold on to Jesus’ promises “I am with you” “began...and will complete” Author and finisher
  - o Pop up prayers about Gods promises

## THE FAMILY OF GOD

God adopted us into His family. Believers are born again.                      Heirs    part of same family....Body

- In this time of separation and social distancing don’t forget we are part of a family
- One body with many members who are connected to each other. 1 Cor. 12:12f      (Gal. 6:2)
- Rejoice with each other. Weep with each other.                      Rom. 12:15      Care for each other
- You may be alone and feel alone but you are not alone
  - o God is with you                                      infinite and promised to never leave or forsake
    - He may seem asleep in storm but in control and promised to get to other side
  - o Church is family                                      lets not neglect our family in this crisis
- Pop up prayers for each other

Fill your mind with the:                      Attributes of God                      Promises of God                      Family of God  
 “Blest be the Tie”