

Lighthouse Worship

Testing the Spirits – 1 John 4:1-10

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Sunday, August 9, 2020



- **Opening Prayer**

Take a few moments to settle your spirit from the business of life. We are engaging in the worship of a Holy God, and His Spirit is here with us. Confess your sins to Him, receiving His forgiveness through Christ for each. Pray, welcoming His Holy Spirit into your presence, inviting Him to speak, move, and have His way with you during this time.

- **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 105:1-6 Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD. Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given, you children of his servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

- **Responsive Worship**

Verse 5 says to “remember the wonders He has performed, his miracles, and the rulings He has given.” Give Him praise for the responses to these questions:

1. What good works of the Lord do you have to share today?
2. How has He spoken, encouraged, or blessed you?
3. What has He done in your life lately?

- **Worship Through Song**

King of Kings (Hillsong worship): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

- **Scripture Reading**

John 13:34-35 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

1 Peter 4:8 Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Romans 12:10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

- **Responsive Reading**

Have different people read each of the following “one another” statements. After each, collectively respond with “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: Jesus said, “As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all [people] will know that you are my disciples” (John 13:34-35).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves” (Romans 12:10).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Live in harmony with one another” (Romans 12:16).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Stop passing judgment on one another” (Romans 14:13).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you” (Romans 15:7).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

READER: “Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:13).

ALL: “Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

- **Worship Through Song**

I Will Follow (Chris Tomlin): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWk9I26nX5w>

- **Lighthouse Message: Testing the Spirits**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Discussion**

1. What makes a lack of understanding of Scripture so dangerous for the believer?
2. What is the significance that Jesus Christ came in the flesh?
3. The spirit of the world has no interest in biblical truth and ultimately wants to destroy it. What ways are you seeing this reality in today's world? How can Christians help overcome it?
4. Beyond Jesus, share a story of sacrificial love you saw or experienced. How did that example impact you?
5. How do you think Holy Spirit wants you to apply this message today?

- **Prayer**

Pray for one another, as well as for the needs in our world, nation, community, and church.
Weekly Prayer Prompts: <https://mailchi.mp/1d888b618c0b/prayer-prompts-7-27>

- **Worship Through Song**

Reckless Love (Cory Asbury): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GGJ8cyYNzQ>

REMINDERS:

- **Next Week:** Tailgate Sunday – Parking lot service at ABC at 10:15 AM
- **Virtual Foyer Resumes!** Connect with church family on Zoom TODAY between 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/114344692?pwd=VXJubnNra3UybGNWaWcud0FiWmg3Zz09>
- **Giving:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>
- **ABC Updates:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/updates>