

## SERMON NOTES

### I. Introduction

#### A. Practical Difficulties in the Kingdom of God

#### B. Conscience and Charity, Subjective and Objective

#### C. Discerning the *Weak* versus the *Strong*

### II. Main Argument

#### A. Stumbling (vv. 13-16)

##### 1. Decision (v. 13)

a. Addressing the *weak* and the *strong*

b. Judgement

c. Do nothing to hinder your brother...

##### 2. Union With Christ (v. 14)

a. Vindicate the *strong in the faith*

b. **Application:** *The impact on our brother is to be considered when we use and enjoy the gifts of God*

##### 3. Charity (vv. 15-16)

a. Destroy the one for whom Christ died

b. **Application:** *The use of all things is regulated by love.*

#### B. Kingdom (vv. 17-19)

1. Matters of the Kingdom (v. 17): What distinguishes the Kingdom?

2. Acceptance (v. 18)

3. Pursuit (v. 19)

#### C. Love (vv. 20-23)

1. Perspective (v. 20)

2. The Good (v. 21)

3. Humility (v. 22)

4. Sincerity

### III. Conclusion

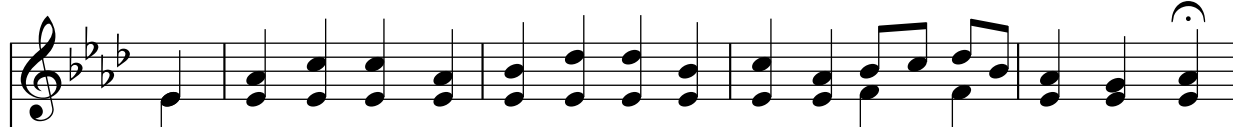
Psalm 133

1. Be hold how good a thing it is, And how be - com - ing well To -  
2. Like pre - cious oint - ment on the head, That down the beard did flow, Ev'n  
3. As Her - mon's dew, the dew that doth On Zi - on's hill de - scend; For

ge - ther such as breth - ren are In un - i - ty to dwell.  
Aar - on's beard and to the skirts Did of his gar - ments go.  
there the bless - ing God com - mands, Life that shall nev - er end.



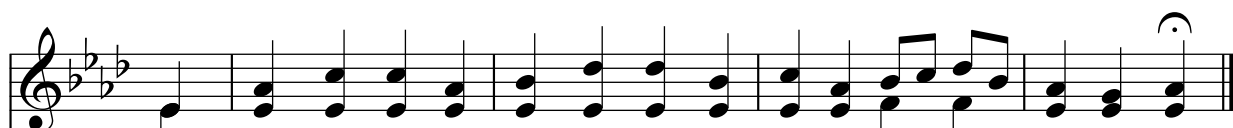
1. <sup>9</sup>How shall the young di-rect their way? What light shall be their per-fect guide?  
 2. <sup>12</sup>O bless-ed LORD, teach me your law, <sup>13</sup>your righ-teous judg-ments I de-clare;



Your word, O LORD, will safe-ly lead, if in its wis-dom they con-fide.  
<sup>14</sup>your tes-ti-mo-nies make me glad, for they are wealth be-yond com-pare.



<sup>10</sup>Sin-cere-ly I have sought you, LORD, O let me not from you de-part;  
<sup>15</sup>Up-on your pre-cepts and your ways my heart will med-i-tate with awe;



<sup>11</sup>to know your will and keep from sin your word I cher-ish in my heart.  
<sup>16</sup>your word shall be my chief de-light, and I will not for-get your law.



THE LORD'S DAY EVENING  
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 457 .....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*THE INVOCATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING .....Isaiah 57

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & ADORATION .....Ryan Biese

\*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 133.....“Behold How Good” (p. 3)

THE SCRIPTURE READING .....Romans 14:13-234

THE SERMON .....Rev. Ryan F. Biese  
 “Ignorance, Indifference, Infirmary” | *Romans: Eternal Grace* | No. 67

\*THE PSALM OF COMMITMENT NO. 119 .....“How Shall the Young” (p.4)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE RESPONSE .....Psalm 72:18-19

Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.  
 For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.  
 And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.  
 The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of morning worship next week.
- Please save the date for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration October 1. Ligon Duncan will preach at 10:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow the special evening worship service.
- The ladies of Cornerstone OPC have invited the ladies of FPFO to a tea on October 7. Please confirm today with Sandra Taylor if you will attend.