

## BETWEEN 6:00 AM-9:00 AM: GETTING "STOKED" ABOUT GOD AT DAYBREAK

When I moved to Santa Cruz in the fall of 1985 and started at Soquel High School, I kept hearing the students talk about being "stoked." This was a new word for me. Then I discovered that it meant being in an enthusiastic or exhilarated state, maybe about big waves or warm weather. Psalm 113 says that we should get re-stoked about God every morning. I thought of this Psalm last week when I drove east on Hwy. 1 in Santa Cruz at 7:34 AM and watched the sun burst out. Notice the Psalm's three-part breakdown: Verses 1-3 call us to express our God-excitement; Verses 4-6 tell us why God is worth it; and Verses 7-9 describe how he helps "unstoked" people who look to him for resources, honor and blessings. Now get stoked below.

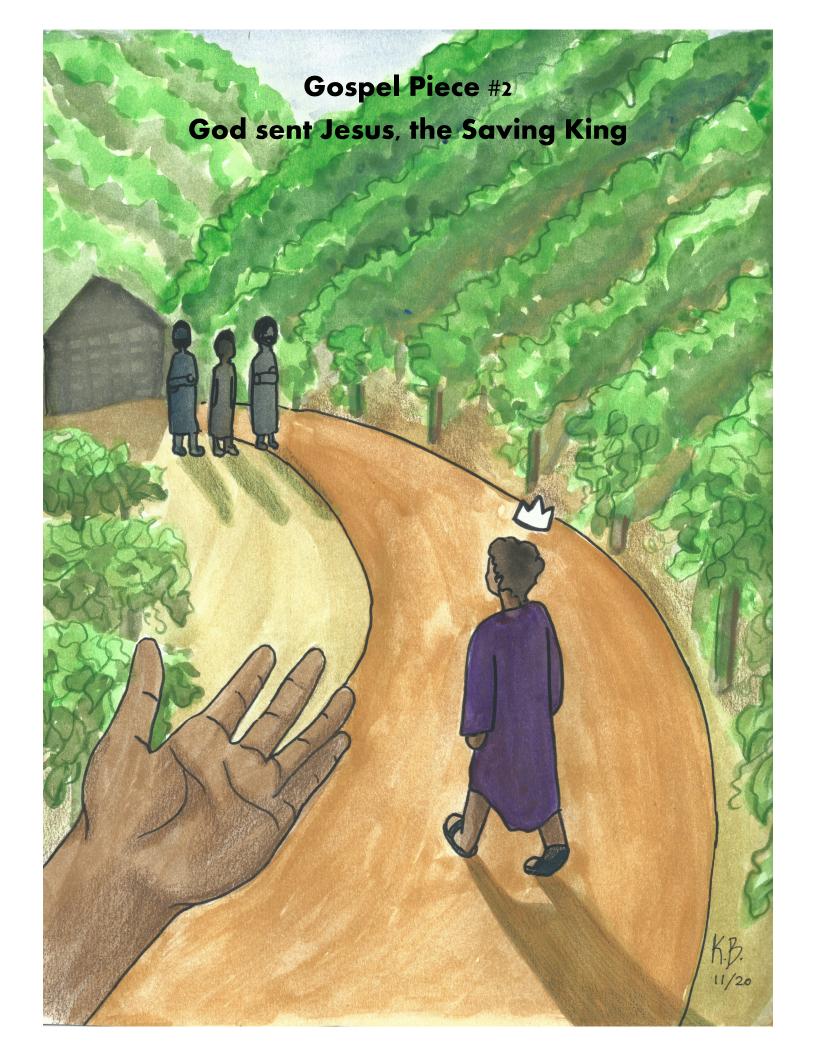
Psa. 113:1	Praise the LORD!
	Praise, O servants of the LORD,
	praise the name of the LORD!
Psa. 113:2	Blessed be the name of the LORD
	from this time forth and forevermore!
Psa. 113:3	From the rising of the sun to its setting,
	the name of the LORD is to be praised!
Psa. 113:4	The LORD is high above all nations,
	and his glory above the heavens!
Psa. 113:5	Who is like the LORD our God,
	who is seated on high,
Psa. 113:6	who looks far down
	on the heavens and the earth?
Psa. 113:7	He raises the poor from the dust
	and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
Psa. 113:8	to make them sit with princes,
	with the princes of his people.
Psa. 113:9	He gives the barren woman a home,
	making her the joyous mother of children.
	Praise the LORD!







Turn the page at 9:00 AM and discover the second Gospel event.



## BETWEEN 9:00 AM-12:00 PM: DISPATCHING HIS SON TO THE RESCUE

The second Gospel piece is that God sent Jesus to us. This word "sent" comes up repeatedly. Let's mediate on the verses that describe the Father's special delivery to unworthy but deeply loved people.

**Luke 4:43** but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was **sent** for this purpose."

Matt. 21:37 Finally he <u>sent</u> his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

**John 5:24** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who <u>sent</u> me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

**Acts 3:26** God, having raised up his servant, <u>sent</u> him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

**Rom. 8:3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By <u>sending</u> his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

**John 3:17** For  ${}^{I}God$  did not <u>send</u> his Son into the world  ${}^{m}to$  condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## BETWEEN 12:00 PM-3:00 PM: RISING UP BY ORDERING OURSELVES UNDER RIGHTFUL AUTHORITY

We don't talk much about subjection and authority. They're two dirty words in today's world. But when we rebel against rightful leadership, we insult God by denying the orderly structure he has put in place for our peace and flourishing. King Jesus subjected himself to his Father's will in all things, and God will require all people to be subject to Jesus ("For God has put all things in <u>subjection</u> under his feet..." — 1Cor. 15:27).



"Subjection Situations" we all face. Is it time to take a "Subjection Check Up"?

(In each verse below, the key word "hupotasso" is used, meaning "to subject oneself under." Consider each one.

- Believers to God (James 4:7)
- Wives to their husbands (Eph. 5:24)
- Younger people to church leaders/elders (1 Pet. 5:5)
- Children to their parents (Lk. 2:51)
- Believers to fellow believers (Eph. 5:21)
- Believers to God's law (Rom. 8:7)
- Employees to their employers (Titus 2:9)
- Prophetic messages to the prophets who deliver them (1 Cor. 14:32)
- Citizens to rulers and authorities (Rom. 13:5; 1 Pet. 2:13)



The end of the journey for those who subject themselves to God through Christ is The Great Subjection, where Jesus will subject our disintegrating or disintegrated bodies to his firm will that we be perfect, healthy and immortal so we can reign forever in his new world ("who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to <u>subject</u> all things to himself" — Phi .3:21).



**JESSE ASHE** [This believer, husband, father and public safety officer will share about his life in Christ.]

- **Prov. 1:1** The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:
- **Prov. 1:2** To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight,
- **Prov. 1:3** to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- **Prov. 1:4** to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—
- **Prov. 1:5** Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance,
- **Prov. 1:6** to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.
- **Prov. 1:7** *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*
- **Deut. 6:4** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
- **Deut. 6:5** You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
- **Deut. 6:6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.
- **Deut. 6:7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
- **Deut. 6:8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
- **Deut. 6:9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**JAIME BURNETT** [A reflection on the second Gospel Event ("God sent the Saving King.")]



**GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #1 (7 min.): 1 John 4:14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

God sent Jesus to us. Let's send praises back towards him, because we were lost and his Son came for us.

**GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #2 (7 min.): Titus 3:1** *Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,* 

Let's ask God to make us good examples of submission in all the ways that he calls us to be ordered under others. Let's also pray for all those who are in authority over others, that they'll use their power with justice and mercy.

**GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #3 (7 min.):** Ask God to meet the many needs that we see all around us.

## BETWEEN 5:00 PM-10:00 PM: It's time to take a load off

After dinner, serve the Lord by resting. After all, the untippable King reigns, despite whatever unrest smolders around us. I just read that some South Bay hospitals are expecting a rise in heart attack patients because of stress caused by the election pressures. Isn't it great to remember that God has elected and installed his Son Jesus as King forever and those who have bent their knees to him in belief have nothing to worry about, ever?

Psa. 2:12 "...Blessed are all who take refuge in him."