

## The Effective Groans of Faith

**Children:** Rahab's Faith (2:6-13) in Confirming God's Word (5:1)

**Intro:** A History That Gives Courage (Josh 4:19-24)

### With The Following Lessons:

- 1) As Israel rested in the safety of the Promised Land in Josh 5:8-12, God blessed His tired and hungry people with the first produce of the Promised Land – the barley harvest. Because of this abundant provision, the manna of their forty years in the desert was no longer needed. It stopped as God's people began to enjoy "the produce of Canaan" (Josh. 5:12). This was the first time Israel was able to celebrate the Divinely commanded Feast of "First Fruits."
- 2) Did the taste of barley and the enjoyment of the "land of milk and honey" mean that all Israel's troubles were over? Of course not! After just one verse (Josh. 5:13), Joshua is so scared at the prospect of conquering the great walled city of Jericho that he cannot even recognize the Lord Himself coming to His aid! But, though battles would continue, the "first-fruits" were God's pledge that a new day had begun for His people, and that they would be safe in their inheritance.

### Applications:

- 1) Thank God that Paul can write in the same way about us possessing by faith, the "first fruits of the Holy Spirit" in Romans 8:23. Though many trials and tests in Canaan arose, and though we too face many heartbreaks, trials and failures, our place in God's harvest is secure! Not one grain of God's elect harvest will be lost!
- 2) Moreover, the Spirit's "groans" within us (Rom 8:26) prompt us to cry out, "Abba Father" in the darkest and most dangerous of places (Rom 8:15-16)

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## MORNING WORSHIP

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### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

#### Prelude

#### Announcements & Silent Reflection

#### Salutation & Call to Worship

**GOD'S  
PEOPLE  
RESPOND**

#### \* Opening Song

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross*

- 1 How I love the voice of Jesus On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil It was finished upon that Cross
- 2 Now the curse it has been broken Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon He has offered Great the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry It was finished upon that Cross
- 3 Death was once my great opponent Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us Rose that we would be free indeed  
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed Free from ev'ry plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that Cross

**Ending** Onward to eternal glory To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory It was finished upon that Cross  
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#### Invocation & Reading of God's Law

Josh 5:1; 5:10-12 (p 213 pew Bible)

#### Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Ps 143 (unison, p 620 pew Bible)

#### We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

**Offering & Hymn**  
*Anointed*

*Hail to The Lord's*

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# 311 *Trinity Hymnal* (vv. 1-2)

1 Hail to the Lord's an-o-int-ed! Great David's great-er Son;  
Hail in the time ap-point-ed, His reign on earth be-gun!  
He comes to break op-press-ion, To set the cap-tive free;  
To take away trans-gress-ion, And rule in eq-ui-ty.

2 He comes, with suc-cor speedy To those who suf-fer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sigh-ing, Their dark-ness turn to light,  
Whose souls, con-demned and dy-ing, Were pre-cious in His sight. \*\*

\* *Gloria Patri*

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

**GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE**

\* **Hymn of Preparation** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Glory, Hallelujah!*  
#281 *Trinity Hymnal* (vv 1 - 3)

1 I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

**Refrain:** Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—  
glory, hallelujah! The dead's alive and the lost is found—  
glory, hallelujah!

2 He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!  
He lives, my everlasting Head—glory, hallelujah! **[Refrain]**

3 He lives, to bless me with his love—glory, hallelujah!  
He lives to plead for me above—glory, hallelujah! **[Refrain]\*\***

\* **Prayer For Illumination**

**Scripture**

Rom. 8:1-5; 8:12-17 (p 1122 pew Bible)

Joshua 5:10-12 (p 213 pew Bible)

**Sermon**

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**Prayer of Application**

\* **Closing Hymn**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*  
# 295 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity. \*\*

\* **Benediction**

\* *Doxology*

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

\* Please stand if able

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