

# *Los Altos Church of Christ*

*"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2*

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## **This Sunday...I'm Tired**

People have never been more productive than they are today. They've also never been more tired. Sometimes we try to find identity in what we do rather than in who God has said we are. In a culture that rushes like river rapids, we must follow the God of quiet waters. In a culture that grasps for control, we trust in the Good Shepherd to guide our way. In a culture that strives to rise, we should rejoice that He makes us lie down and rest. In a culture of exhaustion, we must trust that He is the only one who makes an empty cup overflow.

**Psalm 23:1-2**



**Wednesday Night Fellowship**...Dinner at Terrie's 6:30 and at 7:00 the video series, "Dark Horses".

**PRAYERS** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

- Christie Jang has covid. She has been vaccinated so it hasn't been as bad it could have been. Pray for her. She's been through a lot.

**Continue to pray** for Judy McClure...Howie's outreach...Amber's step-father...Terry Shipp...the Jang family...Faye's sister Althea... Lu... Autumn and Brooke...Mike and Sharon...John and Jennifer... Abbie...Jocelyn's mother...Christine's mother...the Gordon family...Walter Grove...Roger Townsend... Berry... The Britton Family ... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

## **Thought for the week...**

*The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. — **Psalm 34:10***

*While even the most fierce hunters cannot ensure their security and nourishment, those whose hunger is for God will find themselves nourished, blessed, and sustained. It is sometimes hard to fully comprehend, much less believe. Confusing and hurtful times come and we sometimes waver in our confidence in His grace. But remember that HE cares about our wounds and worries. Recommit your heart this day to trust in His daily care, provision, and grace. - Phil Ware*

## **God Owns It All**

By Shawn Thorton

Notice the placement of the phrase "The earth is the Lord's" in Psalm 24. It's at the beginning of the Psalm. So in this song of praise, the first thing declared is a reminder that God is the world's creator, owner, and sustainer. We cannot escape the glory and grandeur of Who He is. This is a statement of God's supremacy - that He is above and overall.

Because of this truth, God's glory and kingship must always come first in our lives. He should always be at the top of our minds. When we wake and lie down. When we rest and move, we must keep in mind that He owns all the universe. He is the artist, and all of creation is His canvas.

The word "LORD" here means "Jehovah" or "the existing One." The world was God's when He formed it out of nothing by His word (Hebrews 11:3). The earth has always been His.

The worlds of the Old and New Testaments were His. Our world today is His. The new earth will be His (Revelation 21:1). Nothing in all the universe was ever outside of the Lord's ownership. Nothing is, and nothing ever will be.

No matter who you are, whether a firm believer or an atheist, God is over you. He is Lord of all.

We who have faith in Christ need to realize that we are merely stewards of His stuff because God owns everything. He is the owner. We are the managers of His stuff.

The more we are blessed, the more we forget this principle. But, ignoring it can be dangerous. We forget the stuff we have - the success we have experienced - only comes because of the way God has gifted us. He gives us life, health, wisdom, education, experience. Nothing in our lives exists outside of the stewardship God gives us as His children.

One day we will all give an account for what we have done with our time, talents, and treasure. Then, we will stand before God, and He will judge how faithful we were of leveraging the stuff He has put in our care for the good of others and His glory. He blesses us first and foremost to bless others - not spend it on ourselves or hoard it.

How are you doing at managing God's stuff? Are you a good steward of what He places in your care? Do you even think about it?

**When you know God owns everything, it changes your view of your stuff, how you got it, and what you do with it!**