

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Mighty Fortress # 36

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Kevin T.

Wed- Cass H.

HYMN

Nearer, My God, To Thee # 357

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As our Lord allows, we will observe His table this morning. Following service, we will have a covered dish dinner. Bring what you like and what the Lord has enabled you.

CLOSING HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul # 256

“No Beauty That We Should Desire Him” - Isaiah 53:2

When the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified at Calvary, he was made to be the most hideous spectacle imaginable. He was bruised, beaten, stripped naked, and covered with blood mixed with the dust of the streets and the filth of human spit. His appearance was so astonishingly hideous, disgusting, and offensive that all would hide their faces from him. To behold him was sickening. Yet, that crucified One has been made to all believers the most lovely, beautiful, charming sight in the world, because the Holy Spirit has made us to see the glory of God in putting away our sins by him.

- Don Fortner

CLEAN AND UNCLEAN ANIMALS

When God told Noah to fill up the ark with animals, He distinguished between the “*clean and unclean.*” Clean animals were designated as those which “*parteth the hoof. . . and cheweth the cud*” (Leviticus 11:3). There were some animals which had cloven (parted) hooves but did not chew the cud, and there were some which chewed the cud but did not have the parted hooves. These were declared unclean. Why these distinctions and what are their significance?

When God creates a “*new creature in Christ*”; when He makes him “*holy, righteous. . . CLEAN*”, that new person then exhibits two characteristics. He **parteth from his sin** and **cheweth on the gospel**. *Repentance and faith* is what I am talking about. Every regenerated person has been given both repentance and faith; every one born of God repents and believes. If not, he or she is not clean. There is no true conversion without a “*turning to God . . . “turning from sin”*” and “*believing on the Son*” . . . belief of the Truth. Repentance and faith (*parting and chewing*) are lifelong characteristics.

Also, most of the “*unclean*” animals were FLESH EATING. The new creature in Christ, the child of God, the true circumcision . . . “*puts no confidence in the flesh.*” Brother Nibert said of the Raven which never returned to the ark, “it represents the religious man who. . . is satisfied with the dead, rotting works of the flesh.” But the believer is only satisfied with Christ and His Gospel! When he hears the gospel of Christ, he feeds on that gospel, he feeds on Christ Himself, and then *chews* upon it as a cow chews his cud, over and over, the same blessed gospel, which gets better the more you chew on it. What about you? Do you desire to part with your sin and do you love to chew upon the gospel?

- Pastor Paul Mahan (Rocky Mount, VA)

ALL FLESH IS GRASS

“The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” (Isaiah 40:6-8)

I am sure you have noticed that not many people build houses out of grass. There is no substance or strength to grass when it is green and growing and there is even less substance or strength to grass once it is dried up. It doesn't take much wind at all to blow grass away. Grass offers very little shelter from the elements. Our flesh is like grass. There is no spiritual substance or strength to it. Anything spiritual built by the works of our flesh will never be a shelter for us from God's wrath against our sin. The cry of God's preacher is quit trusting in the dead, dried up works of the flesh and trust all of your salvation to Christ. Christ is the shelter from the heat of God's wrath against sin. Christ has borne the wrath of God for His people and shielded them entirely from it. Christ is the solid rock for a foundation that can never be moved. The cry of this preacher is trust Him!

- Pastor Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

When I look at myself, I don't see how I can be saved. But when I look at Christ, I don't see how I can be lost.

- Martin Luther

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*“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”
1Cor 1v23-24*

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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