

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Worship The King # 1

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Cass H.

Wed- Brian S.

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness # 40

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The conference in Rescue is scheduled for the 1st – 3rd of July. I encourage all that the Lord enables, and are willing, to attend.

- The weekend of July 10th, Brother Obie Williams is scheduled to bring the Gospel to you.

CLOSING HYMN

Hallelujah, What A Savior! # 127

If we ever truly learn that faith in Christ is the gift, work, and operation of God, — a supernatural thing, — it will have a profound effect. It will alter everything.

- We will stop trying to figure out how to make the gospel effectual, and just preach it.
- We will quit trying to determine where God is likely to work, and serve him where we are.
- We will cease trying to determine who is likely to be saved, and preach the gospel to anyone whose ear we can get.
- We will quit trying to make the gospel politically correct, socially palatable and culturally relative, and just preach it.

- Pastor Angus Fisher (Nowra, NSW, Australia)

THE TREES OF THE LORD

The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; - Psalm 104v16

The same as the LORD planted the cedars of Lebanon, the Lord declares his people shall be *“all righteous...the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified”* (Ps 1:3) All God’s elect are righteous and all are completely righteous in and by Christ our Righteousness. He fills us with his fulness by the Holy Spirit which is like the sap that fills the cedars keeping our new man ever green (Jer 17:8).

But there were seasons the Lord sent heavy snow and drought upon the cedars of Lebanon. So he does his child. Spurgeon said of God’s child, “He is not a hot-house plant, sheltered from temptation. He does not live in a world of holy and hallowed influence, preserving him from sin. He stands in the most exposed position, on yonder bare rock, where winds of mysterious Satanic influence and dreadful earthquakes of his own doubts and fears daily try him. Where terrific thunderbolts from God’s right hand, the thunderbolts of desertion and stern affliction all come against him. He has no shelter, no protection, except this—that the broad wings of the Eternal God always cover the cedars which he himself has planted.”

So there is a “need be” for the season of trial, as the apostle Peter said. In these seasons the new man remains evergreen by the sap of the Spirit. We are not hurt but bettered by the pruning. It is only our flesh that withers because that is the “need be.” By Christ delivering us through these light afflictions, God gives us a foretaste *“of the end of our faith, the salvation of our souls.”* By taking away our false confidence, the Lord renews us again to behold Christ alone is our salvation so that he keeps us walking by faith rather than sight. Peter said, *“Whom having NOT SEEN, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, YET BELIEVING, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable.”* Again, Spurgeon said, “To get us clean rid of that walking by sight, which is the disease of man, and to bring us to walk by faith in the Spirit, which is the glory of a Christian—this is a work well worthy of God.”

- Pastor Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

IF A MAN LOVE ME

Our Lord said to his disciples *“If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him”* (John 14:23). Anytime a believer is reminded of their fickle and wayward heart we wonder how the Lord could love a sinner like me. “Does the Lord love me”, we wonder? When we want to know whether the Lord loves us, we tend to look within, and that is a very troubling thing to do. All we’ll see are reasons to doubt in ourselves. But, as is always the case, our Lord reveals the answer to his child in the most comforting way. He says: *“If a man love me”*. The comfort is that, if you love Christ, it is because of his love for you. For his love’s sake, you are delivered from enmity and given life in him. Love for Christ is the manifest fruit of his gracious work in you. *“We love him, because he first loved us”* (1 John 4:19). If a man loves Christ, it can only be, because God loved that man first. John 14:23 describes the spiritual blessings of our God for us in heavenly places in Christ. These blessings are given to strengthen our bond and affection in our God and Savior.

First, Christ tells us that the one who loves him *“will keep my words”*. When the Spirit gives life, faith will follow. That justified child will walk by faith in Christ. He adds *“my Father will love him”*. Through the preaching of Christ, God turns us from dead works and sets our eyes on Christ. What an increasing comfort is gained as we see every promise of God fulfilled to us for Christ’s sake. Nothing rests on our doing. It’s all complete in him. *“And we will come unto him”*. This speaks to an increasing knowledge and understanding of our God. This does not mean that we will only have an increasing awareness of God. The child of God endures many difficult and trying times. But through every trial and affliction, we shall cry out for him, and we will see the promise of God to keep and shepherd his sheep. Finally, he says *“we will...make our abode with him”*. Our Lord demonstrates repeatedly that he never abandons us. *“for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”* (Heb 13:5). *“If a man love me”* it because he loves us. And he makes that known to us abundantly by grace.

- Pastor Eric Lutter (Nixa, MO)

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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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