CALL TO WORSHIP

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #40

SCRIPTURE READING Sun – Bob M. Wed – Kevin T.

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up To Thee # 359

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We plan to observe the Lord's Table this morning and also have a meal following the services.

CLOSING HYMN Wonderful Grace Of Jesus # 206

THERE AM I

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." – Matthew 18:20

I remember hearing Bro. Henry Mahan quote this verse and then say: "It doesn't matter much who else is present in our worship services if Christ is not here." Is His presence not what we need the most? This is the real reason we come together in this place, to hear about Jesus Christ and to hear from Jesus Christ. We gather here to worship Him who alone is worthy of our worship. And as we gather, let us pray that the sweet promise above will be realized. Oh, that Jesus Christ Himself would be pleased to meet with us and enable us to truly worship Him, our great God and Savior. Then we would leave here rejoicing, knowing this was a good place to be.

I WAS A WANDERING SHEEP

I was a wand'ring sheep, I did not love the fold. I did not love my Shepherd's voice, I would not be controlled. I was a wayward child. I did not love my home. I did not love my Father's voice. I loved afar to roam.

The Shepherd sought His sheep, the Father sought His child: They followed me o'er vale and hill, o'er deserts waste and wild. They found me nigh to death, famished and faint and lone. They bound me with the bands of love, they saved the wand'ring one.

Jesus my Shepherd is. 'Twas He that loved my soul. 'Twas He that washed me in His blood. 'Twas He that made me whole 'Twas He that sought the lost, that found the wand'ring sheep. 'Twas He that brought me to the fold. 'Tis He that still doth keep.

I was a wand'ring sheep. I would not be controlled. But now I love my Shepherd's voice. I love, I love the fold. I was a wayward child. I once preferred to roam. But now I love my Father's voice. I love, I love His home. I recently overheard someone ask another a ridiculous question. "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Why is that a ridiculous question?

First, there are no good people. "They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one (Psalm 14:3) "As it is written, "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Romans 3:10-12) Our Lord asked, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." (Matthew 19:17). If a sinner has any virtue, righteousness, or goodness, it is in Christ alone.

Secondly, there are no bad things that can happen to good people who are in Christ. God causes all things to work together for their good. (Romans 8:28) God will not allow bad things to happen to them. The question is ridiculous because bad things cannot happen to good people because in Christ there are no bad people and only good things happen to them.

So you might ask, "so then do bad things happen to bad people?" I know this much. It is a bad thing not to believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

Father, let us neither glory in a man **nor** ever be embarrassed of the earthen vessels you have chosen to preach to your people. Let us glory <u>ONLY</u> in our Lord, and we *shall not be ashamed*!

San Diego Grace Fellowship

"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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Sunday - 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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