

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is Thy Faithfulness #40

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- May birthdays: Tim Burnett 11th ; Lilah McPheeters 30th
 - We are pleased to have pastor John Reeves here today. Please join us for a fellowship luncheon immediately following the service.
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HYMN

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord #337

MESSAGES

—pastor John Reeves

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CLOSING HYMN

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? #110

My relationship with God does in great measure determine what I do; but what I do does not in any measure determine my relationship with the eternal God. That is a matter of pure, free grace.

—Don Fortner (1950-2020)

Who Can Charge Us?

Here is what every believer knows from the testimony of Holy Scripture and from the experience and conviction of his own heart (John 16:8-11). We know, recognize and confess the problem and plague of our own heart, is sin (Rom. 3:9-12; 5:12). But thank God, we also know the solution for sin, Christ and Him crucified (1Cor. 2:2), Christ our propitiation for sin (Rom. 3:25). Christ Jesus crucified (Rom. 4:25), the Substitute (2 Cor.5:21), Surety (Heb.7:22), Satisfaction (1John 4:10) and Saviour (Matt. 1:21) is our only answer to every just charge against us, “Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” (Rom. 8:33-34).

—pastor Tom Harding

Not Skilled

In 1873, a lady by the name of Dorothy Greenwell wrote these words: “I am not skilled to understand, What God hath willed, what God hath planned. I only know at His right hand, Is One Who is my Saviour!”

Beloved, I take these words to be my own. There is so much that I am not skilled to understand concerning the will of God and His divine purpose in the salvation of His people. I see through a glass darkly. I know in part and I preach in part as God is pleased to reveal His Word to me. But there is one thing that I do know. At the right hand of God there sits One who is my Savior. May God enable me to clearly declare HIM!

—Pastor David Eddmenson

“At the end of two full years” (Genesis 41:1)

God had promised Joseph that he would exalt him. That his own family would come and bow down before him. But this promise was slow in being fulfilled. Joseph was betrayed by his brethren, sold as a slave, falsely accused, and put in prison where his feet were hurt in the stocks.

Joseph had interpreted the dream for Pharaoh's butler, but the butler had forgotten to speak on Joseph's behalf. For two full years Joseph languished in prison. What an opportunity to grow weary and doubtful and unbelieving, and even bitter. How Satan must have tempted Joseph to curse the butler and accuse God - "Two full years"!

But the verse says, " At the end of two full years." The promises of God are sure to those in Christ, but the wheels that bring those promises can turn very slow sometimes, but the promises will arrive. There is an end that God has in mind. Now is the time to be tried - and sometimes tried sore too. Trials that are not only deep as Joseph's dungeon but trials that last for years as his did. But the promise will come. Wait patiently for it, (Heb.6:11-15).

Dear brother Fortner used to say, "Don't judge God by his providence, but judge his providence by him.' Joseph lived in the faith that God was good and was working all these trials for a good end (Gen.50:20). This kept him from being swallowed up in weariness and from growing bitter at God or man.

—pastor Bruce Crabtree

