

SERMON NOTES

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EZEKIEL 36:24 &25

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.



WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

"Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost" Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Friday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM

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MAKING MELODY TO THE LORD

"Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." - Ephesians 5:10. I was sitting in a public place the other day and heard a young lady, a few seats down from me, singing so softly. I could not make out the words, but there was such sweet melody in her voice that I ask her to sing a little louder so I could hear what she was singing. She was very modest and even offered an apology but said sometimes she "felt like she just wanted to sing praises to Him." The young lady stopped singing, and for that I was truly sorry. I felt like I had interrupted a heavenly performance; a heart entertaining its divine Lord with sounds that were delightful to His listening ears; melody before the Lord - holy, gracious "melody to the Lord." O sing, dear child of God. "Come before His presence with singing." Don't be afraid; the sound is delightful, it is coming from your heart; it is accepted, it is "to the Lord." Don't stop the performance because someone else stops to listen. Who in his right frame of heavenly mindedness would not want to stop and listen while the King was being entertained by a gracious heart? "I will sing, yea I will sing praises unto the Lord," (Psalms 27:6).

~Bruce Crabtree

"The Lord Looketh On The Heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

God cares nothing for our outward forms of religion. He has no regard for our religious acts, our religious ceremonies, our religious morality, or our religious works. God looks to the motives, attitudes, and principles of the heart. Our most precise and orderly services and sacrifices, without a true and sincere heart of love and faith in Christ, are abominations in the sight of God. "Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isaiah 66:1-2). "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Matthew 15:8).

All those things which we speak of in connection with salvation are matters of the heart. The conviction of sin, repentance, faith in Christ, and the worship of Christ are all works of the heart. Remember, "that which is highly esteemed of men is an abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15). God looks on the heart! What kind of heart do you possess? What does God see when He looks on your heart? Do you have a new heart by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit? "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 11:19).

1. A new heart is a broken and contrite heart.
2. A new heart is a heart in which Christ dwells.
3. A new heart is a heart of faith and love to Christ.
4. A new heart is a submissive and obedient heart.
5. A new heart is a true and sincere heart.
6. A new heart is a heart that seeks the glory of Christ above all things.
7. A new heart is a forgiving and loving heart.

Pharisees and hypocrites are careful to give strict obedience to the outward form of religion, delighting to be seen and applauded by men. But the child of God performs his religious service with a heart to please God. "The Lord looketh on the heart!" ~Don Fortner

"Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is!" Hebrews 10:25

It is good that recorded sermons are available. But there is a tendency for folks to ignore the assembly using the argument, "I can listen from my own home." But, I recently heard an old quote (from way back in the "tape" days) that I think makes the point: Just listening to a tape of a sermon is like kissing your wife over the telephone. It loses something in the translation! ~ Joe Terrell

**"It is GOOD for me that I have been AFFLICTED; that I MIGHT LEARN Thy ways"
(Psalm 119:71).**

God's ways and God's word are best learned by experience and in time of trouble. When our Lord is pleased to lay His hand heavily upon us, we do not soon forget the lessons learned. When the Lord singles out a believer or a church for special affliction and adversity, it is not for punishment nor lack of love for them; it is for eternal blessings and because He does love them. "Whom the Lord loveth" he chastens, corrects, and teaches! When Job sat before his friends, who was afflicted? THE ONE GOD LOVED! When Paul stood before King Agrippa, who wore the chains? THE ONE GOD LOVED! Humanly speaking, which path of life would you prefer to live on earth, that of Esau or Jacob? Esau had the life of prosperity and ease; Jacob was full of trouble and conflict, BUT GOD LOVED JACOB! Thank God He has loved us in Christ and is pleased to teach us His ways by dealing with us in such a way that we are weaned from the world and find our life, comfort, and hope only in Him. A person who measures his blessings and relationship with God by his prosperity, health, happiness, and worldly comforts makes a fatal mistake. "If ye be without chastisement, whereof all believers are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons" (Heb. 12:8). Paul said, "Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Cor. 12:9-10). He who sends the trial for His glory and my good will supply the grace sufficient. Those who know the Redeemer, also know that when we are weak, we are strong; when we are poor, we are rich; when we are empty, we are full; when we die, we live!

~Henry Mahan

NO TRUE SINNER TURNED AWAY

I challenge anyone to put his or her finger on one scripture in the Holy Bible where Christ ever turned away a truly repentant sinner. You won't find one! Many came in pride that were turned away. Many came in religion that were soon drawn away. Yet never was there one desperate sinner who came with great need and desire to be healed that was ever denied His grace.

~David Eddmenson

The promise of the Lord to Joshua is the same promise He gives to every vessel of His mercy. And His word to me is the very foundation of their rest...*"As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."*

-Pastor Marvin Stalnaker

Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to *The Lord's Table* (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL

There is a beautiful song in our hymnal titled: **"How Great Thou Art."** The third verse of that song says, **"And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in – that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin... Then sings my soul!"**

Once salvation is revealed to a child of God, from that moment forward the soul of that child sings the glory and greatness of the God who saved him or her. The body may break, but the soul will never stop singing! The heart may ache, but the soul will never stop singing! Everything about the physical, mental, and emotional state of the child may be silenced under the overwhelming weight and oppression of sin, but knowing what the blood of Christ has done for sinners will cause the soul of that child to never stop singing, **"My Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!"**

- Pastor Gabe Stalnaker

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Romans 10:1)

Believers pray for their sin to be forgiven. We pray for our loved ones to hear the Gospel of free grace in Christ and to be drawn to Him. We pray for our brethren in Christ to be comforted, and we pray for God to call out His elect in this generation. But do we pray for our enemies?

Paul was praying for the salvation of his earthly kinsmen in Romans 9v3 & 10v1. Those Jews viewed him as a traitor. One who changed sides during a holy war. They likely referred to him only as Saul, and with a sour tone in their voices- mocking him. They would torture and kill him if they could. But Paul earnestly prayed for them to hear and to know Christ.

Our Master told us to do just that in Matthew 5v44. He said to **"pray for them that spitefully use you"**. Christ not only told us to pray for OUR enemies, but on our behalf, He prayed for HIS enemies – **"Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."** (Luke 23v34). Also, He died for His sheep while we were ungodly enemies against Him. (Rom 5v6-8)

May we be given the grace to pray for the ones that hate us, despise us and would kill us if possible. That they too may know their sin and know the One who was made sin for His people, The Lord Jesus Christ! ~Kevin Thacker

THE MESSAGE OF SCRIPTURE: CHRIST IS ALL!

- Grace and truth came **by Jesus Christ** (Jn 1: 17)
 - No condemnation/justification **in Christ Jesus** (Ro 8: 1; Gal 2: 17)
 - The Spirit of life **in Christ** makes free from sin/death (Rom 8: 2)
 - The love of God is **in Jesus Christ our Lord** (Rom 8: 39)
 - Saints are one **in Christ** (Rom 12: 5; Gal 3: 28)
 - The church of God is sanctified **in Christ Jesus** (1 Cor 1: 2)
 - **In Christ** we are begotten through the gospel (1 Cor 4: 15)
 - Our hope is **in Christ Jesus** (1 Cor 15: 19)
 - **In Christ** shall all be made alive (1 Cor 15: 22)
 - Our rejoicing is **in Christ Jesus** (1 Cor 15: 31)
 - Our love for one another is **in Christ Jesus** (1 Cor 16: 14)
 - God causes us to triumph **in Christ Jesus** (2 Cor 2: 14)
 - The veil over the heart is done away **in Christ** (2 Cor 3: 14)
 - If any man be **in Christ** he is a new creature (2 Cor 15: 17)
 - God reconciled us unto himself **in Christ** (2 Cor 5: 19)
 - Our liberty is **in Christ Jesus** (Gal 2: 4)
 - God's everlasting covenant is confirmed **in Christ Jesus** (Gal 3: 17)
 - Saints are children of God by faith **in Christ Jesus** (Gal 3: 26)
 - The truth is **in Jesus Christ** (Eph 4: 21)
 - We are light **in the Lord Jesus** (Eph 5: 8)
 - Fruits of righteousness are **by Christ Jesus** (Php 1: 11)
 - Consolation and comfort is **in Christ** (Php 2: 1)
 - The high calling of God is **in Christ Jesus** (Php 3: 14)
 - The peace of God keeps us inwardly **through Christ** (Php 4: 7)
 - We can do all things **through Christ's** strength (Php 4: 13)
 - God supplies all our need **by Christ Jesus** (Php 4: 19)
 - Saints shall be presented to God perfect **in Christ Jesus** (Col 1: 28)
 - The ministry we have received is **in the Lord** (Col 4: 17)
 - The dead shall rise **in Christ** (1 Thess 4: 16)
 - We are preserved **in Jesus Christ** (Jude 1: 1)
 - Grace is exceeding abundant **in Christ Jesus** (1 Tim 1: 14)
 - The promise of life is **in Christ Jesus** (2 Tim 1: 1)
 - God's purpose and grace was given **in Christ** in eternity (2 Tim 1: 9)
 - Spiritual sacrifices are accepted of God **by Jesus Christ** (1 Pet 2: 5)
 - Saints have been called unto eternal glory **by Christ Jesus** (1 Pet 5: 10)
- 1 John 5:11: And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**
~Pastor Clay Curtis

WHAT SUITS ME

Being the sinner I am, knowing my weakness and inability, God has provided me just what I need;

He suits my needs. His Word suits my need. It tells me of God and who He is, what He does in this world and what He will do in the world to come.

His Word tells of His absolute sovereignty, of how He can be a just God and savior. That salvation is by His will not, man's. That salvation is what God does for man; not what man does for God.

His Will suits me from the top of my head down to my feet. I know His will is the best thing for me. Thank God, He has not left me to my will, but in his infinite wisdom orders all things for my good and His glory.

His Will is perfect, which suits my imperfection. The Lord Jesus Christ suits my needs as a sinner: His blood cleanses me from all sin, His obedience is given in place of my rebellion, and His righteousness is given to me in place of my righteousness, which is a filthy rag.

His word tells me Christ Jesus came to save sinners.... I'm one of them. That He came to seek and save the lost, I was one of them. In fact, I was so lost that only He could find me, and bless His holy name, He found me and saved me from my sin which was so great.

His word tells me that not only has He saved me from my sin and my rebellion, but that He will carry on His work.

Not one for whom He died will ever be cast out, which gives assurance that I will not ever be forsaken of Him. Yes, everything from His Word, His will, and His Son and the salvation that He has given me suits me perfectly. **Donnie Bell**

ASKING IN CHRIST'S NAME

"If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:14)

Many have not taken the time to study to understand what is true in this promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. They then complain that they have asked in His name and did not receive that which they asked.

What does it mean to "ask in His name"? It means more than concluding a prayer with the words "in Jesus name". Some see that like a formula that guarantees being heard. What does it really mean? I'm convinced that it means these two things. (1) To be fully aware as I am praying that it is only through Jesus Christ and His sacrifice that I am granted a hearing. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Hebrews 10:19). (2) That I must pray as He prayed. "O my Father,....not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39). It means to ask as He asked: that God's will be done. Would we really want the Lord to answer us in any other way than according to His will? ~David Pledger