

## OPENING HYMN

Sat: #75 **Abide With Me**

Sun: #359 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It is our privilege to welcome Brother Eric Floyd from Hurricane Road Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky this weekend. We will be enjoying a supper and time of fellowship following the evening service tonight, and tomorrow we will meet at our regularly scheduled time.
  - Brother Cody Henson from Kingsport Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee is scheduled to preach here the weekend of August 25-26. Lord willing we plan to meet Saturday evening at 6:30 with supper and fellowship following the service, and Sunday morning for our regularly scheduled service. We hope to see you here, invite a friend!
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: John 15:1-9

Sun: Matt 16:1-18

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## WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #53 **How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

Sun: #351 **Near the Cross**

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## OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor 9:7

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## WORSHIP HYMN

Sun: #235 **Pass Me Not**

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## MESSAGE

**SAT - THIS MAN RECEIVETH SINNERS**

**LUKE 15:1-7**

**SUN - EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE**

**PSALM 127**

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## CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #460 **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

Sun: #222 **There Is a Fountain**

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## THINGS TO PONDER

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

*-Proverbs 22:4*

**"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!

*-Pastor Henry Mahan*

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## Do You Believe on the Son of God?

Has God the Holy Spirit given you faith in Christ? Do you suddenly, unexplainably find yourself trusting Christ, looking to him for salvation? If you do, it is because God has given you his gift of eternal life. — “He that believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life...Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ hath everlasting life.” You could not and would not believe were you not born of God. You do not need to know when you began to believe, who was preaching when you began to believe, whether you have repented enough to be a believer, or whether you believe enough to be a believer. — “Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” If you do, if you find yourself trusting Christ, I say to you as Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus, who suddenly found himself believing on the Son of God, “The God of our fathers hath chosen thee...arise, and be baptized.” Do not delay. Obey your Lord and Savior, identify yourself with him and confess him. — “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”

*-Pastor Donnie Bell*

## The Sovereignty of God

The sovereignty of God is an expression that once was generally understood. It was a phrase commonly used in religious literature. It was a theme frequently expounded in the pulpit. It was a truth that brought comfort to many hearts and gave virility and stability to Christian character. But, today, to make mention of God's sovereignty is, in many quarters, to speak in an unknown tongue. Were we to announce from the average pulpit that the subject of our discourse would be the sovereignty of God, it would sound very much as though we had borrowed a phrase from one of the dead languages. Alas! That it should be so. Alas! That the doctrine which is the key to history, the interpreter of providence, the warp and woof of Scripture, and the foundation of Christian theology, should be so sadly neglected and so little understood.

The sovereignty of God – what do we mean by this expression? We mean the supremacy of God, the kingship of God, the godhood of God. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that God is God. To say God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Most High, doing “according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?” (Daniel 4:35). To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is Almighty, the Possessor of all power in heaven and earth, so that none can defeat His counsels, thwart His purpose, or resist His will (Psalm 115:3). To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is “The governor among the nations” (Psalm 22:28), setting up kingdoms, overthrowing empires, and determining the course of dynasties as pleaseth Him best. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the “only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:15). Such is the God of the Bible.

-A.W.Pink

## Man Will Not and He Cannot

How perversely man *reverses* the order of God's truth. They urge dead sinners to come to Christ, supposing they have the power of will to do so. Whereas Christ has plainly and emphatically stated that "No man *can* come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). "Coming to Christ" is the affections of the heart being drawn out towards Him, and how can a person love one he knows not? See John 4:10. Ah, it is the Spirit who must bring Christ to me, reveal Him to me, before I can truly know Him. "Coming to Christ" is an *inward* and *spiritual* act, not an outward and natural one. Truly, "The natural man receiveth *not* the things of the Spirit of God; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14). We cannot so much as "see" Christ until we are born again (John 3:3).

- A.W. Pink

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**Sunday August 5, 2018**

**“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”**

*Rev 22:17*



**“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Cor 8:6**