## **OPENING HYMN**

Sun AM #296 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Sun PM #234 Wonderful Words of Life

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Brother Obie Williams from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee is preaching here this morning and again this afternoon after lunch.
- Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here on Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17, all are welcome.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM: Acts 15:1-12; 21-26

Sun PM: Romans 3:19-4:8

## **WORSHIP HYMN**

Sun AM #290 Be Still, My Soul

Sun PM #354 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## **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* 

#### **WORSHIP HYMN**

Sun AM #460 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

## **MESSAGE**

Sun AM: God's Purpose Shall Stand Ephesians 1:11-12

Sun PM: **Be Reconciled to God** 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Sun AM #258 He Hideth My Soul

Sun PM #449 To God Be the Glory

## THINGS TO PONDER

"Without a knowledge of the plague, there can be no experience of the cure. Without sin and judgment being inwritten, so that one believes and trembles, then all need of the cross, all necessity of Golgotha, remains but a theory in the head."

# -John Metcalfe

## I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

Job 19:25-27

At last, Job had enough. I imagine he was boiling with indignation. Even the patience of Job has its limits. His heart was heavy. His soul was troubled. Under the afflictions of his Father's rod, he simply could not bear the insults of his pretentious friends any longer. Therefore, he plainly informed them of that which he knew by experience in his soul, which they could never take from him. Even in his poverty, pain, and perplexity, Job knew more and possessed more than his "friends" could imagine.

#### ONE TRUE FRIEND

Job had one true friend in the midst of many cruel friends. All earthly friends are conditional friends. The very best of them will, in time, bring sorrow to your soul. But "there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother." That Friend is Jesus Christ, the Lord.

## REAL PROPERTY

Job found real property in the presence of absolute poverty. Job uses the word "my" to speak of his personal interest and property in the Son of God. Blessed is the man who can, with honesty and confidence, call Christ, "my Redeemer."

#### LIVING KINSMAN

Job had a living Kinsman in the presence of a dying family. In order to be our Redeemer, Christ, God the eternal Son, became our Kinsman, Immanuel, God in human flesh. And Christ Jesus is never ashamed to own his brethren. Even when they had all forsaken him, he called his disciples "my brethren".

## ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE

Job possessed absolute knowledge in the face of great uncertainty. "I know," he said. His faith made him certain. Invisible things, revealed by God, are certainly known by those to whom they are revealed, by those who are granted faith to believe God (Heb. 11:1-3). Faith is not speculative knowledge, but certain knowledge.

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#### **SURE HOPE**

Job had a sure hope in the face of utter hopelessness. He lived, even in those early days, in the hope of Christ's second advent. He had hope of eternal acceptance with God. And he hoped for the resurrection of his body. The basis of his hope was the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, his Redeemer. His redemption was finished, even before the world began, for his living Redeemer is the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world.

-Pastor Don Fortner

# Why Do We Gather Together With The Saints?

Multitudes attend (what men call) "church services" all over the world. Many go because it is a habit, others go believing it will save them.

Many go because it makes them feel better about themselves, like the Pharisee who "thanked God he wasn't as other men".

But why do we, you and I, attend?

What are our reasons?

What is our motive?

- 1 We gather together to hear the Gospel of the free grace of God in Christ, not just to hear preaching that has no substance to it.
- 2 We come to worship God, to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Unbelievers cannot worship, they don't know Christ nor God. They can come and listen, but cannot worship.
- 3 We attend because we have a need, we need Christ, to hear of Him. We have a hunger and a thirst and only the gospel of Christ can satisfy us.
- 4 We also attend to support and be an encouragement to other believers, and we need the support and encouragement of our brethren.

May God makes us one who would not discourage or hinder anyone who comes to hear the gospel.

-Pastor Donnie Bell

God gives his church pastor-teachers according to his own heart, each uniquely gifted to minister to the church in which God places him, to feed that particular church family with knowledge and understanding. — If God has put you in a gospel church and given you such a pastor, you ought to look to that man as your pastor-teacher, not another, and not twenty others.

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# Sunday February 17, 2019

"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