

OPENING HYMN #62

Crown Him With Many Crowns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Eric Floyd from Hurricane Road Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky is scheduled to preach here the weekend of August 4-5. Lord willing, we will 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!
 - Brother Cody Henson from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee is scheduled to preach for us on the weekend of August 25-26.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19:1-14

WORSHIP HYMN #360

Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

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 #236

Amazing Grace

MESSAGE

THE TRESSPASS OFFERING - THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

LEVITICUS 5:1 - 6:7

CLOSING HYMN #222

There Is A Fountain

THINGS TO PONDER

What is of more profit to a child? For their father to provide them with an abundance of material things, or for their father to grab them by the hand and pull them back from running out into traffic? Some of the greatest blessings we receive from our loving heavenly Father are the things He restrains us from. Like a child, we will never know how much we have been saved from certain peril.

-Pastor Greg Elmquist

Symptoms of a Fatal Disease

MOST fatal diseases do not show up immediately, nor do they kill someone overnight. They generally begin with little unsuspecting symptoms, such as a sniffle, a sore, a small lump or a brief pain. Most times the person ignores these little symptoms until they become much worse; so much so that others notice something wrong with them. So it is most times with the fatal disease called *Apostasy*.

Apostasy means *departing from the living God, forsaking Christ and His people, departing from the faith*, leaving the gospel and leaving the church. It most times begins with little symptoms, such as . . . no real desire to attend the worship services (but only do so to maintain appearances), no real fellowship with believers (quick to get in and out of services), avoidable absences from the worship service, little distractions at home, little temptations to work late, ‘little sins’ indulged (even enjoyed), the pull and call of the world, which, at one time was resisted, now quickly and easily answered.

The symptoms are many and varied, and if ignored, they eventually break out into glaring problems. The person begins to be unsociable with God’s people, unreachable, not *easily entreated*. They begin to resent and avoid the calls and concerns of their (supposed) brethren. They begin to find fault with their ‘brethren’ and especially the preacher. Rather than defend the preacher and their brethren, they take sides with others against them. Until finally they see no need to gather with ‘those people’ anymore, or listen to ‘that fellow’ anymore. Little do these apostates realize (nor do they care), but **THEY HAVE MISSED CHRIST**, *... they went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt would have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be manifest* (revealed, exposed to all) *that they are not all of us. (1 John 2:19)*. Fact is, one who leaves never had life to begin with, never was *born from above*, never was *quickened* but was and is *dead in trespasses and sins*.

It is not too late if these words convict one’s conscience and prick one’s heart. If the symptoms are recognized early, it does not have to be fatal ... hurtful and injurious, yes ... but not fatal! If you recognize any of these symptoms in yourself and are concerned, perhaps the *Great Physician* is dealing with you. The Lord will *heal the backslidden in heart*; He readily receives every returning, repentant prodigal. If left to our sinful selves we all would fall away. It can happen to anyone. Many have left and many more will do so, according to scripture (*Luke 18:8*). But, by the grace of God, all who call on Him, all who come to Him, all broken and contrite sinners, no matter how sinful, how fallen (or how many times), how wandering, how downcast and dirty . . . He mercifully receives and quickly and freely forgives (and so do the brethren).

-Pastor Paul Mahan

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. - Amos 8:11

What a terrible condition for a land, a nation, a church or an individual to be in. Starving souls and a famine of hearing God's word, that is, the preaching of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God", says Paul. Then what else can this famine mean, what else can this famine produce, but a scarcity of faith? A deprivation of true spirituality imposed by God Himself.

Men imagine they can exercise faith as they please, by their own free will, but if God will not give it, nor the hearing of the gospel produce it, then not only is the gift withheld but, so too, is the means of revealing that gift. Men have neither faith in their hearts nor Jesus Christ, the object of faith, set before them in the gospel.

If God sends this famine it will not be broken by an evangelism committee or church-growth programme. Not all the plowing, sowing or watering, suppose we wet the ground with our tears, will cause such a famine to lift. Salvation is of the Lord!

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Lord, remember mercy. Send us preachers. Create in us a hunger and thirst after righteousness, and feed Thy people with the Bread of Life.

-Pastor Peter Meney

Great is thy faithfulness

"God is faithful." — We may safely rely upon him. No one has ever trusted him in vain. May he give us grace to believe him, to lean upon him completely and alone for everything. We often make the same mistake Jeremiah did. We judge God's faithfulness by our circumstances and experiences. We ought to judge our circumstances and experiences by his faithfulness, as the prophet learned to do (Lamentations 3:1-40). As he is faithful in all the operations of his grace in the fulfillment of his covenant and his promises, God is faithful in all the dispositions of his providence (Romans 8:28). Everything that comes to pass is brought to pass by his hand for the everlasting, spiritual good of our souls.

Yes, our great God, you have proved it to us, and we have proved it for ourselves in the sweet experience of your grace.

-Pastor Don Fortner

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"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