

OPENING HYMN #314

I Am Thine, O Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Eric Floyd from Hurricane Road Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky is scheduled to preach here next weekend, August 4-5. See Gwenn or Dee Anne for a sign up sheet if you are able to help with the meal Saturday evening.
 - 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

Ephesians 3:1-21

WORSHIP HYMN #125

Jesus Paid it All

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 #291

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

MESSAGE

THREE FACTS ABOUT GOD'S PURPOSE

ISAIAH 14:24-27

CLOSING HYMN #295

He Leadeth Me

THINGS TO PONDER

In all spiritual things all your temptations, all your darkness, all your wanderings God will overrule. It shall be well with you. There shall never be a night, but that morning shall come; there shall never be a day of trouble, but a day of prosperity shall follow; there shall never be an emptying, but there shall be a filling; there shall never be a bringing down, but that He will raise you up again. Let it be either darkness or light, sorrow or grief, night or day, life or death, time or eternity, “It shall be well with the righteous.”

- Pastor Scott Richardson

What Faith Asks For

God spoke to David through Nathan the Prophet. God made some promises to David concerning what He would do for David. Here is David’s response, “And now O Lord God, the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it forever, and to as Thou hast said.” (II Samuel 7:25)

Faith is an asking grace. All who have faith ask God for things. The only thing we can ask with confidence that we will be given, is when we ask Him to do what he has already said he would do in His Word. God told David what He would do for him and his house. David responded, “Do as thou hast said.” Faith finds out what God has said in His Word, and asks Him to do what He said he would. He said in His Word, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Faith says... I am a sinner. You said You came to save sinners, save me! It is not presumption to expect God to do what He said He would do. Find out what He has said in His Word, and make this plea, “Do as Thou hast said.” He has done and will do everything He said He would all the time!

- Pastor Todd Nibert

The Is-ness of God

All men by nature create in the idol factory of their darkened imagination a god who is not. It is nothing more than a figment of their imagination. Whatever are the particulars of any man’s idol, it always ends up being a god he can control.

“He that cometh to God must believe that He **is**...” Heb. 11:6. The word of God reveals four things about the IS-NESS of God.

1. Holy, Holy, Holy **is** the Lord of host. We dare not approach a Holy God without the blood of a spotless Lamb.
2. God **is** Spirit Jn. 4:24. We can not worship Him without the Holy Spirit revealing the truth about Christ.
3. “God **is** Light” I Jn. 1:4. In Him is no darkness at all. We can only know God in the Light of the gospel of His free grace.
4. “God **is** Love” I Jn. 4:8. The everlasting, infinite love of God can only be known in Christ.

The summary of these four aspects of God’s essential nature or IS-NESS of God is: I AM. The Sovereign, First Cause and Sustainer of all things is Jehovah. May He give us the grace to believe that He **is**.

- Pastor Greg Elmquist

For Whom He Did Foreknow

Romans 8: 29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

“Foreknow” is translated from the Greek word “proginosko.” It is where we get the word “prognosis.” It is to know before.

Most mistakenly think it means “what God did foresee” instead of “whom God did foreknow.” The great lie many teach is that God foresaw some would believe therefore God chose them. That is to make God’s election to be due to the sinner when scripture declares God’s election is due entirely to the grace of God. When the Spirit reveals to us how totally ruined we became in Adam, we certainly do not want God to choose or refuse us based on what God foresees in us. Speaking of “what” God “foresaw” when he looked upon us from heaven, two places in scripture says, “*God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for ALL flesh had CORRUPTED HIS WAY upon the earth*”; “*God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. EVERY ONE of them is GONE BACK: they are ALTOGETHER BECOME FILTY; there is NONE THAT DOETH GOOD, NO, NOT ONE.*” (Gen 6: 12; Ps 53: 12) Besides that, if God foresaw some would believe then there would have been no need for God to predestinate anyone to be conformed to the image of his Son.

When it says “*whom God did foreknow*” it means God knew his people in Christ before the world was made, everlastingly loved them particularly in Christ, accepted them in Christ and ordained them to eternal life in Christ. Therefore, it says “*whom God did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son...*” That is why Jeremiah said, “*The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*” (Jer 31: 3) It is why when the apostle Paul preached the gospel to the Gentiles, we read, “*...as many as were ordained to eternal life, believed.*”

Thankfully, all God’s eternal blessings toward his people come from God alone in Christ according to his free and sovereign grace and not because of anything in his people or done by his people.

- Pastor Clay Curtis

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”

- Romans 8:30

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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