

OPENING HYMN #42

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Happy New Year!

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-21

WORSHIP HYMN #38

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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 #509

The Sands of Time are Sinking

MESSAGE

OUR LORD'S TIME

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

CLOSING HYMN #449

To God Be the Glory

THINGS TO PONDER

I always try to begin the New Year by remembering "*the time is short.*" Soon this day of grace will be ended. Soon my appointed days will be finished. Soon I will meet God in eternity!

-pastor Don Fortner

A people hungering after righteousness and a preacher anxious to feed their souls will act in sweet harmony with each other when their common subject is Jesus Christ the Lord.

-Scott Richardson (1923-2010)

Come Hear

Since God is pleased by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, should we not be continually urging our lost loved ones to come hear the Gospel? May God be pleased to open doors for us to go to this dying world and compel men and women to come in.

-pastor David Eddmenson

This is my body, which is broken for you

"And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me." 1Corinthians 11:24The sufferings of our Lord in His flesh is not a matter of insignificance. His pain and agony in body stirs the compassion of all those that love Him. It would be heartless not to be touched with the feelings of His infirmities, as by them He is touched with ours. We all justly merit suffering because all we are in the flesh is sin. But not Jesus.

His sufferings was the reward of His people's sin, not His. Every pain inflicted upon our Redeemer was ours and He willingly made them His. Indeed there is no efficacy in our suffering, but thanks be unto God there is in His. The inward travail of His soul for us is incomprehensible and infinitely meritorious. However, His suffering and death as a man in the flesh is as vital and is inseparable in His justifying work in redemption. The full price must be paid.

The word "broken" is used to relate all of His physical sufferings which progressively intensified and finally culminated in His vicarious death. In order for His sufferings and death to be efficacious to all His loved ones the Bread of Life must be broken, "He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you". He willingly brake the bread and gave it to whom He would, symbolically showing us He was suffering for His particular people and made us partakers thereof.

The word "broken" also means "given" ... "And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you ..." Luke 22:19. Every piercing, every scourging, every anguish inflicted upon His sinless body was predestinated by Almighty God and executed in time accordingly by the hands of you and I.

As He represented us in His broken body, those that pierced Him represented us as well. We might well say, "We are guilty of His death", and "He is guilty of our salvation". However, in His accomplishment, I must "declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" Romans 3:26.

-Tommy Robbins (1948-2011)

He May Speak To You

Do yourself a favor... Do your soul to favor.. Avail yourself to every opportunity of hearing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. God speaks to man through his word, he spoke to me; who knows, he may speak to you.

-Scott Richardson

For Who Hath Despised the Day of Small Things?

Zech. 4:10

God delivered a nation from 400 years of bondage with a shepherd's staff. He slew a giant and saved that nation with a sling and stone. He turned the world upside down with eleven simple, plain men – and the illustrations that "Little is great when God is in it" are numberless, but we must not just apply this truth to the instrument God uses but should apply it also to the task. It is true that God uses humble men to perform great works for His glory – but God also uses His servants to teach the little children, to pastor the small assembly, to witness to one Ethiopian, to offer a prayer, to provide an unrecognized and often an unknown service! Most of us are willing to be "humble men" doing great works but how many of us "great men" are willing to do humble work. It is most doubtful that our Lord will trust us with any great responsibility until it has been proven that we are faithful in few things! It has been my understanding from the Scriptures that those whom God entrusted with great responsibility were content with where they were and with what they were doing - examples: Moses, David, Joseph. It would be, refreshing, instead of hearing what one used to do or what one plans to do and be, to see one dedicated to being what he is and doing with joy and zeal what is at hand! Christ may come today and I could die today, but I'm sure that He would accept my explanation that I was preparing myself for great things and would have been a teacher if there had been an opening, or a pastor if there had been a church available, or a martyr if men had still been dying, or a deacon, an elder, a church leader after I had aged a bit. Would He? or would He ask, "What servant chooses his own task? His own place of labor? His own time of service? Does not the faithful servant ask, 'Lord, what would you have me to do?' Everybody wants to take the floor, few care to sweep it. The returning prodigal did not labor as a hired servant but he was willing!

-Henry Mahan (1926-2019)

Faith

Faith . . . is not life giving, but proof of life. Faith is not a work for salvation, but a work of salvation. Faith is not what saves us, but is certain proof God has saved us. Faith is not a condition we meet, but the condition God's Spirit puts in us to "make us meet" (Colossians 1:12). Is all this important? Do we split theological hairs here? NO! NO! For the Glory of God is at stake! That other (false) gospel says faith is man's work, man's will. But no, faith is "not of yourselves, but the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). Faith is "according to the working of His mighty power" (Ephesians 1:19). Therefore, it is "to the praise of the glory of His grace" (Ephesians 1:6) . . . and not rather "to the praise of our faith."

-pastor Paul Mahan

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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