



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 21st, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "We Praise Thee, O God"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Dirk de Waal
- Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
- Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
- The Reading of the Word — *I Corinthians 3:1-9* Dirk de Waal
- Hymn "Be Still My Soul"
- The Interlude Instrumentalists
- The Sermon — *"Wisdom Calls, Pt. II" (Proverbs 1:20-33)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "A Wonderful Savior"
- The Benediction Dirk de Waal
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"
- Hymn "O How He Loves You and Me"
- Prayer
- The Sermon — *"Do you want to see Jesus?" (1 John 3:1-3)* Seth Lirette
- Hymn "He is Able to Deliver Thee"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

Matthew Henry

The sentence is pronounced, and it is certainly ruining. Those that will not submit to God's government will certainly perish under his wrath and curse, and the gospel itself will not relieve them. They would not take the benefit of God's mercy when it was offered them, and therefore justly fall as victims to his justice. The threatenings here will have their full accomplishment in the judgment of the great day and the eternal misery of the impenitent, of which yet there are some earnest in present judgments. Now sinners are in prosperity and secure; they live at ease, and set sorrow at defiance. But, 1st, Their calamity will come; sickness will come, and those diseases which they shall apprehend to be the very arrests and harbingers of death; other troubles will come, in mind, in estate, which will convince them of their folly in setting God at a distance. 2ndly, Their calamity will put them into a great fright. Fear seizes them, and they apprehend that bad will be worse. When public judgments are abroad the sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness surprises the hypocrites. 3rdly, According to their fright will it be to them. Their fear shall come; it shall come as desolation, as a mighty deluge bearing down all before it; it shall be their destruction, their total and final destruction; and it shall come as a whirlwind, which suddenly and forcibly drives away all the chaff. Note, Those that will not admit the fear of God lay themselves open to all other fears, and their fears will not prove causeless. 4thly, Their fright will then be turned into despair: Distress and anguish shall come upon them, for, having fallen into the pit they were afraid of, they shall see no way to escape. Now God pities their folly, but he will then laugh at their calamity: "I also will laugh at your distress, even as you laughed at my counsel." Those that ridicule religion will thereby but make themselves ridiculous before all the world. The righteous will laugh at them (Psalms 52:6), for God himself will. It intimates that they shall be forever shut out of God's compassions; they have so long sinned against mercy that they have now quite sinned it away. His eye shall not spare, neither will he have pity. Nay, his justice being glorified in their ruin, he will be pleased with

it, though now he would rather they should turn and live. Ah! I will ease me of my adversaries. Now God is ready to hear their prayers and to meet them with mercy, if they would but seek to him for it; but then the door will be shut, and they shall cry in vain: "Then shall they call upon me when it is too late, Lord, Lord, open to us. They would then gladly be beholden to that mercy which now they reject and make light of; but I will not answer; because, when I called, they would not answer;" all the answer then will be, Depart from me, I know you not. Then those that slighted God will seek him early, but in vain; they shall not find him, because they sought him not when he might be found, Isaiah 55:6. The rich man in hell begged, but was denied. Now they are eager upon their own way, and fond of their own devices; but then they will have enough of them, according to the proverb, Let men drink as they brew; they shall eat the fruit of their own way; their wages shall be according to their work, and, as was their choice, so shall their doom be. There is a natural tendency in sin to destruction. Sinners are certainly miserable if they do but eat the fruit of their own way. Those that perish must thank themselves, and can lay no blame upon any other. It is their own device; let them make their boast of it. God chooses their delusions. Now they value themselves upon their worldly prosperity; but then that shall help to aggravate their ruin. They are now proud that they can turn away from God and get clear of the restraints of religion; but that very thing shall slay them, the remembrance of it shall cut them to the heart. They are now proud of their own security and sensuality; but the ease of the simple shall slay them; the more secure they are the more certain and the more dreadful will their destruction be, and the prosperity of fools shall help to destroy them, by puffing them up with pride, gluing their hearts to the world, furnishing them with fuel for their lusts, and hardening their hearts in their evil ways. He concludes with an assurance of safety and happiness to all those that submit to the instructions of wisdom. That is the way to dwell safely in this world, and to be quiet from the fear of evil in the other world.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 21st
<i>Morning</i> Ashley Lirette & Terri & Rayah Pogue
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Mary Marmino
<i>Wednesday - April 24th</i> Katie Crocker

Today's Sound Operator - Jesse Pogue



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The new members class will begin today. It will meet in the new members' class room next to the kitchen during Sunday School, at 9:30. Please see Prashant Thakkar or Pastor Thomas if you would like to attend.

LADIES' SPRING TEA

All ladies are invited to a Spring Tea Bible Study on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. Janet Mullins will bring a devotional on "finding rest". A sign up list is on the bulletin board. Please be sure to sign up if you will be attending.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Planning for VBS, May 28th-31st, has begun and volunteers are needed! Mark your calendars now. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be able to assist during the week.

FOOD PANTRY

Our on-hand supply has greatly improved through your generosity. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and will enable us to help those in need. Our April donation needs are for white sugar, brown sugar, oatmeal and flour. Please leave your donations in the wooden crate in our supply closet.

