

SERMON NOTES

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Luk 1:78-79

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.



WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

“Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Friday Night Service 7:00 PM

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LOOKING ON EARTH AND TOWARD HEAVEN AT THE SAME TIME

When I was a wee lad, I overheard my father tell a friend that he keeps one eye on the earth and the other eye on heaven.

I was rather fascinated by that ability. But I could never master it. I often tried hard to do so, but both my eyes always looked in the same direction.

And although I often looked at my father’s eyes to see if they were looking in different directions, one on earth and the other on heaven, I never saw this to be the case. His eyes always looked in the same direction.

Not until I fell in love with my father’s Lord and Savior did I understand what he meant.

The saint keeps an eye on the earth around him, for it is full of danger, and he must see where he is going.

But the saint also keeps an eye on heaven because he ever looks upward to the Lord in prayer (Psalm 121:1ff & 123:1ff), and longingly looks for His Redeemer and redemption (Luke 21:28), and is ever “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).
~Daneil Parks

Learn from the repentant thief on the cross. Christ was made his Wisdom so he believed Christ. Christ was made his Righteousness so he was righteous. Christ was made his Sanctification so he had that holiness without which no man shall see God. Christ was made his Redemption so he entered that day into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. All of this was through the simplicity of believing on Christ. May God nail our hands and feet to the cross so the only confidence we have is Christ.
~Clay Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Sunday April 7th Norm Wells will be our guest speaker.
- We’ll have our FELLOWSHIP DINNER, and Lord willing we will come to the Lord’s Table following a brief message.

The Facts of Life

“Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.....Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.” Job 14:1-2, 4-5

Here is a saint in trouble, pouring his heart out to God, seeking comfort and instruction for his afflicted soul. Job came boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in his time of need. In the opening verses of this chapter he declares four facts about life in this world which he had learned. The sooner we learn these things, the better.

1. **Life in this world is short.** *“Man that is born of woman is of few days.”* Our days on earth are short. What is your life? It is a momentary vaper, a passing ship, a fleeing shadow, a fading flower, a weak blade of withering grass. The strongest man is feeble, frail, and fragile. May God *“so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”* (Psalm 90:12).
2. **Life in this world is sorrowful.** *“Man that is born of woman is of few days, and (those few days are) full of trouble.”* The days of man upon the earth are shortly lived and sadly lived. Every day is filled with labor and sorrow, toil and trouble, fretting and fearing, hurting and grieving. Is it not so with you? Life in this world is filled with trouble. *“In the world ye shall have tribulation”* (John 16:33). There are no exceptions. Anyone who always appears to be happy is either a liar, or insane. You cannot escape trouble in this world. You simply have to face it and learn to live with it. Where there is sin, there is sorrow. We will never escape sorrow until we escape sin. And that will not happen in this world.
3. **Life in this world is sinful.** *“Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?”* Here Job traces all the sorrows of our race to sin, and all the sin of our race to its original source. Our lives are unclean because we are all unclean by nature. Our lives are short and sorrowful because we are sinful. We are all born in a state of sin. *“I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me”* (Psalm 51:5). *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”* (Romans 5:12). You will never be able to understand and deal with the problems of life until you understand and deal with original sin.
4. **Life in this world is for a set time.** Man’s *“days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.”* Yes, you and I must die. And the time of our death has been appointed by God from eternity. No amount of care, diligent exercise, strict diet, or medicine can add one second to your life. At God’s appointed time, he will call, and you will answer.
~Don Fortner