



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 23rd, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Praise to the Lord"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard

Hymn "I Need Thee Precious Jesus"

Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life"

The Reading of the Word — *II Samuel 11:26-12:15* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

The Sermon — *"Judge Not, Pt. II" (Matthew 7:1-5)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

Hymn "He is Able to Deliver Thee"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"Getting the Facts Straight" (Exodus 13)* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "Softly and Tenderly"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

John Calvin

The design of Christ was to guard us against indulging excessive eagerness, or peevishness, or malignity, or even curiosity, in judging our neighbors. He who judges according to the word and law of the Lord, and forms his judgment by the rule of charity, always begins with subjecting himself to examination, and preserves a proper order in his judgments. Hence it is evident, that this passage is misapplied by those persons who would desire to make that moderation, which Christ recommends, a pretense for setting aside all distinction between good and evil. We are not only permitted, but are even bound, to condemn all sins; unless we choose to rebel against God, to repeal his laws, to reverse his decisions, and to overturn his judgment-seat. It is his will that we should proclaim the sentence which he pronounces on the actions of men: only we must preserve such modesty towards each other, as to make it manifest that he is the only Lawgiver and Judge. That you may not be judged He denounces a punishment against those severe judges, who take so much delight in sifting the faults of others. They will not be treated by others with greater kindness, but will experience, in their turn, the same severity which they had exercised towards others. As nothing more valuable to us than our reputation, so nothing is more

bitter than to be condemned, or to be exposed to the reproaches and infamy of men. Yet it is by our own fault that we draw upon ourselves that very thing which our nature so strongly detests, for which of us is there, who does not examine too severely the actions of others; who does not manifest undue rage against slight offenses; or who does not peevishly censure what was in itself indifferent? And what is this but deliberately to provoke God, as our avenger, to treat us in the same manner. Now, though it is a just judgment of God, that those who have judged others should be punished in their turn, yet the Lord executes this punishment by the instrumentality of men. "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eyes?" He expressly touches upon a fault, which is usually found in hypocrites. While they are too quick-sighted in discerning the faults of others, and employ not only severe, but intentionally exaggerated, language in describing them, they throw their own sins behind their back, or are so ingenious in finding apologies for them, that they wish to be held excusable even in very gross offenses. Christ therefore reproves both evils: the excessive sagacity, which arises from a defect of charity, when we sift too closely the faults of brethren, and the indulgence by which we defend and cherish our own sins.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 23rd
<i>Morning</i> Jerah Pogue & Terri Pogue
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Dumi Thakkar & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - April 26th</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Dumi Thakkar

Today's Sound Operator - Jason Price



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE DRILL

Please pray for our children as they prepare for the State Bible Drill, April 27th at 1:30 at Park Parkway Baptist Church in Clinton.

VBS

There will be a VBS volunteers meeting April 30th in the Fellowship Hall.

BABY SHOWER

The church will host a baby shower for Katie Crocker on May 6th at 10 am. See Bethany Wallace for more details.

CRAWFISH BOIL

Save the date for our annual crawfish boil, May 13th. More details to come.

