



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 20th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 174	"Praise the Savior Now and Ever"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Seth Lirette
Trinity Hymnal No. 441	"Thy Works Not Mine O Christ"
Trinity Hymnal No. 139	"Jesus I Am Resting, Resting"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Ephesians 6:1-20</i>	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 548	"More Love to Thee O Christ"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Leading Your Family to God" (Joshua 24:14-18)</i>	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 505	"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 638	"Now Thank We All Our God"
Baptist Hymnal No. 215	"Majesty"
The Sermon — <i>"The Furnace of God" (Ezekiel 22)</i>	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 544	"Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It"
The Benediction	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

“If it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” Joshua 24:15 Knowing that the generation that had seen the exodus and the miracles God performed in bringing Israel into Canaan was about to pass, Joshua gave a speech at the end of his life that rehearsed the history of Israel and called the people to remain committed to the Lord after he was gone. Today we will look at this speech, which is recorded in the final chapter of the book of Joshua. Joshua leads up to the call for commitment by rehearsing in brief the story of Israel. If the people are to remain faithful to Yahweh, the God of Israel, after Joshua’s death, they must remember His great acts of salvation. Indeed, the same is true for us. We cannot remain faithful to the Lord for long if we forget what He has done to save us from sin. Joshua’s summary of Israel emphasizes God’s grace and power. He begins with Abraham’s call out of Ur, where the patriarch was worshiping foreign gods (Josh. 24:1–3). Abraham is our father in the faith not because he was deserving, for he started out in paganism. Like the rest of us, God graciously called him to salvation. God’s grace, Joshua says, continued after Abraham as the Lord was with the people of Israel, sustaining them in Egypt and beyond. He stresses how God showed His power in saving them from the Egyptians at the Red Sea and in delivering them from the Amorites and from the peoples in Canaan. Israel could take no

credit for her rescue, for God saved the people from their enemies (vv. 4–13). Such great acts demand a response, and Joshua calls the people to serve the Lord. If they choose not to serve Him, they should choose another god—it does not matter which one, for all other gods are equally no gods at all. But Joshua reiterates his commitment to serve the Lord (vv. 14–15). The people confess their willingness to serve the one true God of Israel (vv. 16–18), but then Joshua warns them that they are unable to serve Him and that God will not forgive them when they stray (vv. 19–20). This seems like an odd statement at first, for we know God is merciful (Ex. 34:6). However, we have to realize that what Joshua is doing is reminding the people that the God with whom they are dealing is not One to be trifled with. “This God plays for keeps,” as Dr. R.C. Sproul frequently said, and we cannot pledge ourselves to Him half-heartedly and think that we will be able to persevere. Thus, the sin that He will not forgive is our impenitent abandoning of Him to serve other gods (Josh 24:20). If we leave Him for good, there is no recourse for forgiveness.

Coram Deo: John Calvin comments on Joshua 24:19–20 that “no general rule is laid down [for all sin], but the discourse is directed, as often elsewhere, against their disobedient temper. It does not refer to faults in general, or to special faults, but is confined to gross denial of God.” God is the only true God, so He is the only source of mercy and forgiveness. If we abandon Him, we have no hope, but if we run to Him for mercy when we sin, He will pardon us.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

June 20th
<i>Morning</i> Rhia McDonough & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Jessica Mullins & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - June 23rd</i> Bridgette Kimbrell

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENT COMMITMENT

Our parent commitment will be held immediately following our morning service. This year we will be recognizing Sarah Camille Lirette, Audrey Elizabeth Mullins, Josephine Eden Pritchard, and Alice Joy Sharp.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Preschool Choir and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon at 5:20 pm.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

June 10th & 24th at 11:00. Ms Bunny will be leading a summer study through the book God's Battle Plan for the Mind, discussing 2 chapters each meeting. The ladies will also be memorizing scripture and learning more on how to meditate upon the Scripture being memorized. No nursery provided, but children are welcome to come with their mother. Bring a sack lunch and plan to stay for fellowship immediately following the study.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday school begins today at 9:30 am in the front office. Chris Kimbrell will be leading the class for 7th grade - college and teaching on "forming a Biblical Worldview".



Oatmeal, sugar, and flour

