



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship ..... Chris Kimbrell

Hymn ..... "Immortal, Invisible"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Jason Price

Hymn ..... "O Savior, Precious Savior"

Hymn ..... "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

The Reading of the Word — *Habakkuk 3* ..... Hal Pritchard

Hymn ..... "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

The Sermon — *"Heavenly Perspective on Earthly Possessions" (Philippians 4:10-23)* ..... Prashant Thakkar

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn ..... "Take the Name of Jesus With You"

The Benediction ..... Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn ..... "Rise Up, O Men of God"

Hymn ..... "Bring Them In"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"A Guided Tour of the Tabernacle" (Exodus 25:1-31:11)* ..... Dirk de Waal

Hymn ..... "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

The Benediction

The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

## Extract from *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* by Jeremiah Burroughs

*"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Philippians 4:11*

This text contains a very timely cordial to revive the drooping spirits of the saints in these sad and sinking time. For the 'hour of temptation' has already come upon all the world to try the inhabitants of the earth. In particular, this is the day of Jacob's trouble in our own bowels.

Our great Apostle holds forth experimentally in this Gospel-text the very life and soul of all practical divinity. In it we may plainly read his own proficiency in the school of Christ, and what lesson every Christian who would prove the power and growth of godliness in his own soul must necessarily learn from him.

These words are brought in by Paul as a clear argument to persuade the Philippians that he did not seek after great things in the world, and that he sought not 'theirs' but 'them'. He did not long for great wealth. His heart was taken up with better things. 'I do not speak', he says, 'in respect of want, for whether I have or have not, my heart is fully satisfied, I have enough: I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.' 'I have learned'-Contentment in every condition is a great art, a spiritual mystery. It is to be learned, and to be learned as a mystery. And so in verse 12 he affirms: 'I know how to be abased, and I now how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed.' The word which is translated 'instructed' is derived from the word that signifies 'mystery'; it is just as if he had said, 'I have learned the mystery of this business.' Contentment is to be learned as a great mystery, and those who are thoroughly trained in this art, which is like Samson's riddle to a natural man, have learned a deep mystery. 'I have learned it'-I do not have to learn it now, nor did I have the art at first; I have attained it, though with much ado, and now, by the grace of God, I have become the master of this art.

'In whatsoever state I am'-The word 'estate' is not in the original, but simply 'in what I am', that is, in whatever concerns or befalls me, whether I have little or nothing at all.

'Therewith to be content'-The word rendered 'content' here has great elegance and fullness of meaning in the original. In the strict sense it is only attributed to God, who has styled himself 'God all-sufficient', in that he rests fully satisfied in and with himself alone. But he is pleased freely to communicate his fullness to the creature, so that from God in Christ the saints receive 'grace for grace' (John 1:16). As a result, there is in them the same grace that is in Christ, according to their measure.

In this sense, Paul says, I have a self-sufficiency, which is what the word means.

But has Paul got a self-sufficiency? you will say. How are we sufficient of ourselves! Our Apostle affirms in another case, "That we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves" (2 Corinthians 3:5).

Therefore his meaning must be, I find a sufficiency of satisfaction in my own heart, through the grace of Christ that is in me. Though I

have not outward comforts and worldly conveniences to supply my necessities, yet I have a sufficient portion between Christ and my soul abundantly to satisfy me in every condition. This interpretation agrees with that place:

'A good man is satisfied from himself' (Proverbs 14:14) and also with what Paul avers of himself in another place, that 'though he had nothing yet he possessed all things'. Because he had a right to the covenant and promise, which virtually contains everything, and an interest in Christ, the fountain and good of all, it is no marvel that he said that in whatsoever state he was in, he was content.

Thus you have the true interpretation of the text. I shall not make any division of the words, because I take them only to promote the one most necessary duty, viz. quieting and comforting the hearts of God's people under the troubles and changes they meet with in these heart-shaking times.

The doctrinal conclusion briefly is this: That to be well skilled in the mystery of Christian contentment is the duty, glory and excellence of a Christian.

This evangelical truth is held forth sufficiently in the Scripture, yet we may take one or two more parallel places to confirm it. In 1 Timothy 6:6 and 8 you find expressed both the duty and the glory of it: 'Having food and raiment', he says in verse 8, 'let us be therewith content'-there is the duty.

'But godliness with contentment is great gain' (v. 6)-there is the glory and excellence of it; as if to suggest that godliness were not gain except contentment be with it. The same exhortation you have in Hebrews:

'Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have' (Hebrews 13:5).

I do not find any Apostle or writer of Scripture who deals so much with this spiritual mystery of contentment as this our Apostle has done throughout his Epistles.

To explain and prove the above conclusion, I shall endeavor to demonstrate four things:

- 1 . THE NATURE OF THIS CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT: WHAT IT IS.
- 2 . THE ART AND MYSTERY OF IT.
- 3 . WHAT LESSONS MUST BE LEARNED TO BRING THE HEART TO CONTENTMENT.
- 4 . WHEREIN THE GLORIOUS EXCELLENCE OF THIS GRACE CHIEFLY CONSISTS.

I offer the following description: Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>June 25<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Allyson Leach & Lawanda Winn
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bunny Finch & Mary Margaret Pritchard
<i>Wednesday - June 28<sup>th</sup></i> Jessica Mullins & Dumi Thakkar

Today's Sound Operator - Seth Lirette



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PASTOR THOMAS' APC TRIP

Continue to pray for Pastor Thomas as he is in Malawi with the African Pastor's Conferences. Pray for him as he travels and for his health, and as he preaches and teaches nineteen times during his time there. Also pray for the other two pastors who will also be preaching with him at these conferences, Tony Karwa and Chris Minguni. He will return on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp this year is July 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Much truth has been taught during this years, as we have been going through the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. Families are encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend as a family, make sure you send your youth. If you do not have any children going, please consider supporting those going with your prayers and even consider sponsoring a child. The cost will be \$100/camper. There will also be a few fund raising activities to help with expenses. More information is coming soon. Be sure to mark your calendars!

