



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship ..... Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn ..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Seth Lirette
- Hymn ..... "Come Thou Almighty King"
- Hymn ..... "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
- The Reading of the Word — *Exodus 21:12-27* ..... Hal Pritchard
- Hymn ..... "Jesus Shall Reign"
- The Pastoral Prayer ..... Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Eye for an Eye" (Matthew 5:38-42)* ..... Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn ..... "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"
- The Benediction ..... Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn ..... "O Worship the King"
- Hymn ..... "A Child of the King"
- The Pastoral Prayer ..... Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Christ, the Incarnate Redeemer" (Colossians 1:18-20)* ..... Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn ..... "Lead On, O King Eternal"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

One of the best helps for interpreting the Sermon on the Mount properly is to remember that Jesus' stipulations deal directly with interpersonal relationships within the covenant community and, secondarily, with those outside the church. It is not as if He has nothing to say to the structures of society, it is just that we err if we treat Christ's words here as primarily dealing with law courts, warfare, and other broad societal and governmental concerns. Consider today's passage in which Jesus discusses the Law's "eye-for-an-eye" justice (Matt. 5:38-42; see Ex. 21:23-25). Many assume He is saying that the so-called lex talionis is wrong, but such interpretations make Christ one who denies the goodness of God's law (Ro. 7:7), not the one who fulfills it (Matt. 5:17-20). As God Himself, Jesus knows that eye-for-an-eye justice is wise, instituted to ensure that the punishment fits the crime. Justice in ancient Israel's tribal system could have easily become endless feuding without this law. Without the lex talionis, in ancient times my family might kill you to avenge your breaking of my leg, your family might then kill my family, and so on. Today, news of young girls being raped or killed as punishment in some Islamic countries for "violating" their family's "honor" reveals the righteousness of the lex talionis. Eye-for-an-eye justice was given to the courts in Israel to ensure that victims

received adequate restitution. However, the lex talionis was never intended to justify retaliation for everyday, personal offenses. This is what Jesus is talking about in today's passage. A slap on the "right cheek," which basically amounts to a personal insult, must not be returned in kind (Matt. 5:39). Believers give up their law-given right to keep their outer cloak (5:40; see Ex. 22:26-27), that is, we may not appeal to our legal rights every time we are wronged. The lex talionis restrains vengeance to help us cultivate a generous heart that overlooks personal offenses and forgives for the kingdom's sake. In short, Matthew Henry says, "Christians must not be litigious; small injuries must be submitted to, and no notice taken of them; and if the injury is such as requires us to seek reparation, it must be for a good end, and without thought of revenge."

**Coram Deo:** The last point of Matthew Henry's quote is important since there are times when seeking reparation may in fact be the best way to love our neighbor and keep him from sinning further. Such occasions, however, will be few and far between. We are to endure insults and offenses meekly, doing extra even for those who do not deserve it (Matt. 5:41). When someone asks you for a favor, volunteer to go above and beyond their request.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Mary Hunter Sharp & Dumi Thakkar
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Lana Wakefield & Wendy Winn
<i>Wednesday - August 3<sup>rd</sup></i> Bridgette Kimbrell

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ANNUAL WATERMELON CUT

Tonight, after our evening service, we will have our annual watermelon cut. If you have any questions, please see Ashley Lirette. All are encouraged to invite visitors to join us for our evening worship service and this time of fellowship.

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our quarterly business meeting will be Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following our fellowship meal.

## GBC CHOIR CAMP

Children's Choir Camp will be Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-2:00 for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Please sign up for lunch items on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

## SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART CONFERENCE

Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, will be hosting a conference on parenting with Dr. Tedd Tripp, August 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register go [morrisonheights.org/tripp/](http://morrisonheights.org/tripp/).

