

July 1, 2018

Daily Readings Bible Readings for this Week

Sun.	Psalms 136-144	Thurs.	Proverbs 12-15
Mon.	Psalms 145-Prov. 2	Fri.	Proverbs 16-19
Tues.	Proverbs 3-7	Sat.	Proverbs 20-22
Wed.	Proverbs 8-11	Sun.	Proverbs 23-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Hyde's Restaurant at **9am on Tuesday, July 3**. All the men of the church are invited to attend.
- There will be no midweek service on **Wednesday, July 4**.
- **Friday, July 13**, we will have a Nerf War in the Gymnasium starting at 6:30pm. Plan to come and bring friends and nerf guns with you. Nerf darts, eye protection, and food provided.
- Mark your calendars for the annual Car Show on **August 11**, from 10am-2pm. Donations of cans of soda and water bottles for this event are greatly appreciated.

Nursery This Week:

AM – Allison Loges PM – Ruth White/Donna Puckett
WED – *no services*

Cleaning This Week: Louise Puckett

Happy Birthday! Nick House-13th Charlene Brown-29th
Donna Puckett-29th

Roadmap of Redemption: Part 1

Over the next three weeks, we will go on a journey on the roadmap of redemption – a journey where we will see God's plan to redeem His people, God's action in human history to save His people, and God's ultimate triumph for and with those people.

We will journey to eternity past to see the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. We will journey to the center point of human history – not in time, but in importance – and see the Lamb giving His life as ransom for many. We will journey to eternity future to see the Lamb slain as the central song of the universe.

Eternity Past – The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World

In Revelation 13:1-8, we are introduced to a character in the story of Revelation called the Beast. It's not important right now for you to know *who* the Beast is, or *when* the Beast is. The important thing to know is that

as believers, we do not bow down to Beast-like forces that compete with the authority and supremacy of Christ.

*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, **Who is like unto the beast?** [an exclamation that belongs only to God being given to a counterfeit!] (Revelation 13:4-6)*

The beast not only wars against God, but also wars with the saints. In Revelation 13:7-8 we read:

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Why do they worship the Beast? They worship the Beast who competes for the authority of Christ, because their names were not written in the Lamb's book of life. And then we are told something about this Lamb – the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (v.8).

Now, we are before the world. There was a book before the foundation of the world – in eternity-past – and the book had a name. And the name of the book was, "The Book of Life of the Lamb Who Was Slain."

In the mind of God, the Lamb was slain already, before the foundation of the world. Before the devil existed, before Adam and Eve, before the world, before *sin existed*. It was just the Holy Trinity dwelling in perfect love and self-sufficiency – The Father said, "Son you will go and save my elect." And the Son said, "Father, I will go and redeem the elect." And we will make a universe just to bring this to pass. Titus 1:2 speaks of this promise: *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.*

Why Do We Worship the Lamb?

Why is that believers worship the Lamb in his beauty and do not bow to the Beast-like competitors for our adoration and love? Why are we not awestruck with the Beast? Those who worship the Beast do so because they were *not* written in the Book of Life. Those who worship the Lamb do so because they were written in His Book before the foundation of the world.

If your name is in the book, then the blood of the Lamb guarantees you eternal life:

And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: *and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.* (Acts 13:48)

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, *because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation* through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

The plan of redemption was not an afterthought in the mind of God. The Roadmap of Redemption is not a story of unforeseen detours. God planned it was in eternity past – before the world began.

“The Cleansing Wave”

Phoebe Palmer

Oh, now I see the crimson wave!
The fountain deep and wide;
Jesus, my Lord, mighty to save,
Points to His wounded side.

I rise to walk in Heav'n's own light,
Above the world and sin,
With heart made pure & garments white,
And Christ enthroned within.

I see the new creation rise,
I hear the speaking blood;
It speaks, polluted nature dies,
Sinks 'neath the cleansing flood.

Amazing grace! 'tis Heav'n below
To feel the blood applied,
And Jesus, only Jesus know,
My Jesus crucified.

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Morning Worship
	6:00PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	7:00PM	Midweek Bible Study

Sermons from the pulpit of Twinbrook Hills Baptist Church are available at sermonaudio.com or you can request a free CD from the sound booth.

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