



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 15th, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 117	"Glory to God on High"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 135	"I Greet Thee ,Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
Trinity Hymnal No. 732	"I Asked the Lord that I Might Grow"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Amos 8:1-14</i>	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 223	"Arise My Soul, Arise"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "Darkness Over the Whole Land" (<i>Mark 15:33-37</i>)	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 334	"Blessed Assurance"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
Trinity Hymnal No. 220	"Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"
Trinity Hymnal No. 174	"Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "Behold Israel's Idolatry" (<i>Ezekiel 8:1-18</i>)	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Bapitst Hymnal No. 400	"Rise Up, O Men of God"
The Benediction	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

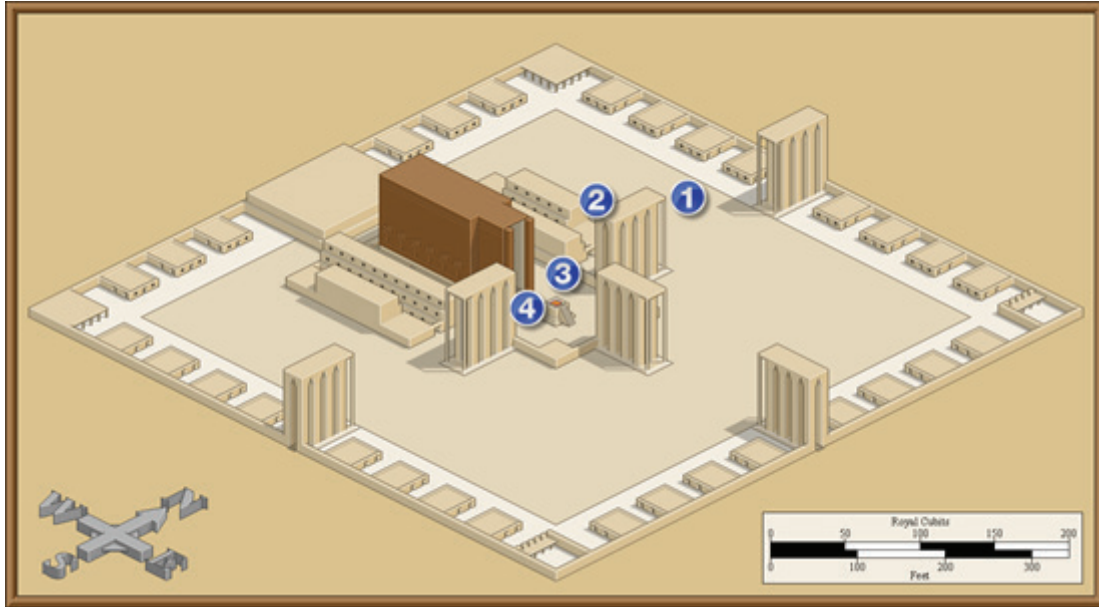
Rejection—it is something we have all experienced at one time or another. Moreover, it is something we all seek to avoid, as we sometimes do the most foolish things to gain acceptance from others. Whether the one who rejects us is a spouse, a friend, a coworker, a family member, or any other human being, we feel pain and a profound sense of loneliness when we are rejected. We know the pain of rejection by our fellow human beings, but unless we are impenitent and end up in hell, none of us will ever know the pain of utter rejection. We will not experience the loneliness, forsakenness, and accursedness of being cut off from God's grace. We who are in Christ will never know such divine wrath because Christ bore it in our place. That is the key lesson of today's passage. From the sixth through the ninth hour on the day Jesus died, there was a profound, disorienting, dreadful darkness over Golgotha. This was no mere solar eclipse but the darkness of God's wrath against sinners. Passages such as Amos 5:18–20 depict the day of the Lord's judgment as filled with darkness, and that forms the backdrop for rightly interpreting the cross. The cross was an act of divine judgment; in fact, it was the judgment of that final day brought forward in time for the sake of God's people. God cannot simply forgive sin without judging it. His wrath must be propitiated—satisfied and exhausted (Rom. 3:9–26). That wrath will either fall on us on the last day and on into eternity, or it will fall on Christ so that we

can be forgiven and can escape eternal judgment. He had to be made sin so that we could become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). Because God's eschatological (end times) wrath was poured out on Christ for all who trust in Him, those who trust Him will not face it on judgment day. John Calvin comments, "Our Lord Jesus . . . was denied the light of the sun, when he was in his sufferings, to signify the withdrawing of the light of God's countenance." Jesus' crying out the words of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" confirms this. This was the anguished cry of the One who had for all eternity enjoyed the good pleasure of His Father. But the Son of God took on a human nature, enabling Him to experience—as the God-man—what it means to be cut off, to be rejected by the Father. His humanity means He could represent us before God and receive the curse our sin is due so that we can enjoy the Lord's blessing.

Coram Deo: Dr. R.C. Sproul writes in his commentary Mark, "At the climax of that period of darkness, Jesus cried in agony—not the agony of the scourging or the agony of the thorns and nails, but the agony of forsakenness." The incarnate Lord was cut off for the sake of other men and women so that we can enjoy fellowship with God forever. No higher price could have been paid, and we are called to never cease loving Him and thanking Him for His sacrifice.



STUDY AID



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our Annual Harvest Supper will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Please see the sign up list and sign up for items to bring. The meat will be furnished by the church. Please put this event on your calendar and join us for this special time of thanksgiving.

Remember there will be a business meeting at 9am before Sunday School this morning.

Bible Buddies and Bible Drill will be this afternoon at 4:45 pm and Children's Choir will meet at 5:30pm.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are due today! If you need a box please see Lawanda Winn.

