



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 17th, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Dirk de Waal
- Hymn "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"
- Hymn "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
- The Reading of the Word — *Ephesians 6:1-4* Dirk de Waal
- Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
- The Interlude Instrumentalists
- The Sermon — *"Listen My Son" (Proverbs 1:8-9)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Standing on the Promises"
- The Benediction Dirk de Waal
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"
- Hymn "We're Marching to Zion"
- Prayer
- The Sermon — *"New Identity, New Affections" (1 John 2:12-17)* Prashant Thakkar
- Hymn "Higher Ground"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

For several decades now, a pervasive anti-authority sentiment has swept through popular culture in the West, which has then exported this philosophy to the rest of the world through entertainment, advertising, and other avenues. Many of us are likely familiar with the popular phrase, "Don't trust anyone over thirty." Irreverence is in vogue, and what is young and new is prized over that which is old and traditional. Scripture never teaches that everything old and traditional is necessarily good, and it certainly does not claim that authority figures and structures are always godly. Paganism goes right back to the fall of mankind, and history is littered with despots who persecuted their citizens and defied the one true God. The Bible condemns all false religions and ungodly authorities (Ex. 20:3; Isa. 5:20; Rev. 13; 19:19-20). Nevertheless, the Lord in His Word understands such ungodliness as a perversion of authority and tradition. In fact, our Creator extols the aged and commends submission to authority because of the wisdom that comes with experience and the order that thoughtful leaders provide. Proverbs 1:8-9 is one of many passages that takes such a perspective. Solomon exhorts sons to heed the instruction of their fathers and the teaching of their mothers. By extension, this exhortation applies to daughters as well, for if the future leaders of the homes in Israel (sons) need to learn from and obey their parents, so do all other citizens. Solomon's teaching is nothing new, for the fifth

commandment calls children to honor their parents (Ex. 20:12). Note that both the law of Moses and today's passage speak of heeding both fathers and mothers. Children are not permitted to respect one parent and ignore the other. While Proverbs 1:8-9 focuses on the obligations of children to listen to their parents, we cannot miss the high call it gives to mothers and fathers as well. Solomon assumes that parents are training their children in godly wisdom, which should not surprise us given the call of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 to instruct our children in the law of God. Our sons and daughters cannot follow the teaching of today's passage if we do not faithfully catechize them in what the Lord has revealed and do not model godly wisdom for them. Today's passage speaks explicitly of parents and children, but Solomon's words apply to all relationships between authorities and subordinates. It will go well for us if we submit wisely to those in authority, and teach and model godliness to those whom we lead.

Coram Deo: Matthew Henry comments on today's passage, "Those are truly valuable, and shall be valued, who value themselves more by their virtue and piety than by their worldly wealth and dignity." A life of wisdom gained by heeding the godly instruction of parents and others is a far greater adornment than the best jewels money can buy. Such a life evidences the presence of saving faith and will receive the Lord's commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

March 17th
<i>Morning</i> Jerah Pogue & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Ashley Lirette
<i>Wednesday - March 20th</i> Katie Crocker (no toddlers)

Today's Sound Operator - Cody Wallace



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRICE AND MARMINO WEDDING

The Price and Marmino wedding will be held March 23rd at 3:00 pm at the church.

BIBLE DRILL

Church Bible Drill will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 pm

RESURRECTION BREAKFAST

A Resurrection day breakfast will be held on March 31st at 9:15 am followed by morning worship. No Sunday School.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry needs for this month are canned veggies, beans, & rice. This is a great benevolent ministry of our church and a way to show Christian love to our neighbors and fellow brothers and sisters. As you shop for groceries this week, please add a few of these items to your list to help support this ministry.

SERMON RECOMMENDATION

Pastor Mark Gervais preached an excellent sermon on 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 at the Men's Retreat, last weekend. Everyone is encouraged to listen to this sermon: sermonaudio.com, Mark Gervais, A Godly Man's Love for the Giving to the Church. "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

