



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

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

The Call to Worship ..... Cody Wallace

Hymn ..... "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Dirk de Waal

Hymn ..... "More Love to Thee O Christ"

Hymn ..... "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

The Reading of the Word — *I Kings 3:16-28* ..... Dirk de Waal

Hymn ..... "Not What My Hands Have Done"

The Sermon — *"One Who Had Authority" (Matthew 7:28-29)* ..... Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn ..... "All Glory Be to Christ"

The Benediction ..... Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

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

Hymn ..... "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Hymn ..... "Rescue the Perishing"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"Our Eternal Rest" (Exodus 31:12-17)* ..... Prashant Thakkar

Hymn ..... "He Keeps Me Singing"

The Benediction

The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

A.W. Pink

In the verses we are informed of the effect which our Lord's sermon had upon those that heard it. This writer often closes his eyes and seeks to visualize the various scenes presented in Holy Writ. Again and again He sets over against "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time" His imperative and imperial "But I say unto you." He denounced the Pharisees as "hypocrites." He declared that in the Day to come He would say unto the empty professors, "I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." He closed by insisting that men's eternal destiny would be regulated by how they complied with "these sayings of Mine." In 7:28-29 it is made known to us the impression which our Lord's discourse produced upon its auditors. They were amazed, and well they might be. The Speaker had not graduated from the rabbinical schools, nor had He been granted a "preaching license" by the Sanhedrin; yet He declared, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Then He added, "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." He went on to declare that causeless anger was incipient murder and that those who indulged in lustful glances were guilty of adultery. He bade them, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you." He made it evident that it was not merely good advice or salutary counsel He was offering them, but rather was issuing peremptory demands. It was as the King of righteousness He spoke. The crowd was astonished both at the matter and manner of His preaching, for He spoke with weight, a majesty, an earnestness which carried conviction. They were filled with a temporary wonderment: yet it is not said that they repented or believed on Him or became His disciples. We too admire the matchless wisdom of His discourse, maintaining as it did throughout a perfect balance of Truth. We are made to marvel at its scope: that He covered so much ground in so brief a space, containing that which was suited to all classes and conditions of men, be they lost or saved, babes or fathers in Christ. We are made to tremble at the fearful solemnity of its utterances: the repeated reference to "hell" and "hell fire." We are honored as we learn from its final section that in the Great Assize the Preacher of this sermon will personally officiate as the Judge of men, pronouncing sentence of doom

upon those who conform not to the Divine will. No wonder that, on another occasion, the officers sent by the Pharisees to arrest Christ returned without Him, saying "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46). "The people were astonished at His doctrine." Have we not good reason to be astonished that they were not much more than "astonished". Ought they not to have been brought to His feet in worship, perceiving it was more than man who addressed them? Ought they not to have been convicted and converted by His teaching; made deeply sensible of bow far, far short they fell of such a standard of holiness, turning to Him in contrition and crying Out for mercy? Alas, what is man, even when he hears the Truth from the lips of Truth incarnate! Capable of being impressed by a Divine message when it falls on his ears from without, but incapable of perceiving his own inward depravity and wretchedness in the light of that message. How true it is that "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3), no, not even when it is brought nigh to him by the King Himself. Then let us not be surprised when only temporary effects are produced under the most faithful and earnest preaching; rather let us be deeply thankful if the message has found an abiding home in our heart.

It may be asked, Why did not Christ put forth His Divine power and turn the hearts of His hearers unto Himself? If three thousand were converted under the Pentecostal sermon of Peter, why were not a similar number at least brought from death unto life by Christ's sermon? Most certainly He could, had He so pleased, have imparted to the whole of that multitude a saving knowledge of the Truth. Then why was He not pleased to do so? Why should the apostles perform "greater works" (John 14:12) than He wrought? Because He had taken upon Him the "form of a servant" (Phil. 2:7), He said, "I came down from heaven not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me" (John 6:38). The exercise of His Divine attributes was entirely subordinated unto the will of the Father. Not only did He refuse to work miracles on His own behalf (Matt. 4:34), but He only put forth His power for the good of others as He had orders to do so from above. This lovely perfection of Christ's, which is the glory of His mediatorial holiness, has not received anything like the attention which it justly calls for.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Jessica Mullins
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Ashley Lirette & Laurie Price
<i>Wednesday - August 2<sup>nd</sup></i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Mary Price

Today's Sound Operator - Jason Price



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WATERMELON SOCIAL

Join us for our annual watermelon cut tonight immediately following our evening worship service on the back patio.

## GBC CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

Children's Choir Camp will be held at the church on August 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 am for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Lunch will be provided. Please see Kathy Irving for more information.

