



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 20th, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Praise to the Lord"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Prashant Thakkar

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign"

Hymn "Wondrous King All Glorious"

The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 1:1-6* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "He is Lord"

The Sermon — *"A Parent's Duty" (Proverbs 22:6)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

The Benediction Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn "As the Deer Pants"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"Behold Your God" (Exodus 34:1-9)* Prashant Thakkar

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

A.W. Pink

Fatherhood: Responsibility and Privilege

One of the saddest and most tragic features of our twentieth-century “civilization” is the awful prevalence of disobedience on the part of children to their parents during the days of childhood and their lack of reverence and respect when they grow up. This is evidenced in many ways and is general, alas, even in the families of professing Christians. In his extensive travels during the past thirty years, the writer has sojourned in a great many homes. The piety and beauty of some of them remain as sacred and fragrant memories, but others of them have left the most painful impressions. Children who are self-willed or spoiled not only bring themselves into perpetual unhappiness but also inflict discomfort upon all who come into contact with them. [They] augur, by their conduct, evil things for the days to come. In the vast majority of cases, the children are not nearly so much to be blamed as the parents. Failure to honor father and mother, wherever it is found, is in large measure due to parental departure from the Scriptural pattern. Nowadays the father thinks that he has fulfilled his obligations by providing food and raiment for his children, and by acting occasionally as a kind of moral policeman. Too often, the mother is content to be a domestic drudge, making herself the slave of her children instead of training them to be useful. She performs many a task that her daughters should do in order to allow them freedom for the frivolities of a giddy set. The consequence has been that the home, which ought to be (for its orderliness, its sanctity, and its reign of love) a miniature heaven on earth, has degenerated into “a filling station for the day and a parking place for the night,” as someone has tersely expressed it. Before outlining the duties of fathers toward their children, let it be pointed out that they cannot properly discipline their children unless they have

first learned to govern themselves. How can they expect to subdue self-will in their little ones and check the rise of an angry temper if their own passions are allowed free reign? The father...must be in subjection to God if he would lawfully expect obedience from his little ones. This principle is enforced in Scripture again and again: “Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?” (Rom 2:21). Of the bishop, that is, elder or pastor, it is written that he must be “One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)” (1Ti 3:5-6). And if a father knows not how to rule his own spirit (Pro 25:28), how shall he care for his offspring? God has entrusted to fathers a most solemn charge, and yet a most precious privilege. It is not too much to say that in their hands are deposited the hope and blessing, or else the curse and plague, of the next generation. Their families are the nurseries of both Church and State, and according to the cultivating of them now will be their fruitfulness hereafter. Oh, how prayerfully and carefully should you who are parents discharge your trust! Most assuredly, God will require an account of the children from your hands; for they are His and only lent to your care and keeping. The task assigned you is no easy one, especially in these superlatively evil days. Nevertheless, if trustfully and earnestly sought, the grace of God will be found sufficient in this responsibility as in others. The Scriptures supply us with rules to go by, with promises to lay hold of, and, we may add, with fearful warnings lest we treat the matter lightly. Instruct Your Children.

(The entire article can be read at, www.chapellibrary.org/book/fathfg/fatherhood)



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

August 20th
<i>Morning</i> Kelly Jackson & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bethany Wallace & Wendy Winn
<i>Wednesday - August 23rd</i> Laurie Price & Dumi Thakkar

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENT COMMITMENT SERVICE

Our parent commitment service will be today, immediately following our morning service. We use this special time to pray for those who have added a baby to their family within the past year and commit as parents and a church to helping raise them up in the way of the Lord. The newborns added to our number this year are Hadleigh Kate Crocker, Elijah Tolbert Pritchard, Joanna Patrice Wakefield, and Walker Winn Wallace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

Mark your calendars for Sunday School promotion day. Our new children's classes and choir schedule for Sunday and Wednesday's will begin Sunday, September 3rd.

