

“A Thought from Sisters of Old”

A Thought from Sister Ruth Bryan 1805 - 1860

“Oh, what manifest outward mercies have I been the subject of! How does my cup run over, and how am I astonished at it, often exclaiming,
“**Why me?** Why—oh why am I so blessed?”

Oh, what miracles of mercy to such a wretch!

Dear Jesus, sanctify the temporal mercies You have given; let me enjoy You in and with them—or they are all nothing.

A debtor indeed to sovereign, unmerited mercy.”

A thought from Sister Elizabeth Prentiss, 1818 – 1878

“God never places us in any position in which we cannot grow. We may imagine that He does. We may fear we are so impeded by fretting petty cares that we are gaining nothing; but when we are not sending any branches upward, we may be sending roots downward. Perhaps in the time of our humiliation, when everything seems a failure, we are making the best kind of progress. Look on and look up. Lay hold on Christ with both your poor, empty hands. Let Him do with you what seems good to Him. Though He slay you, still trust in Him, and I dare in His name to promise you a sweeter, better life than you could have ever known, had He left you to drink of the full dangerous cups of unmingled prosperity.”

A Thought from Sister Mary Winslow, (1774-1854)

“God is my Shepherd, and all my concerns are in His hands. Blessed, forever blessed, be His dear and holy name, who has looked with everlasting mercy on such a poor, vile sinner as me; and encouraged me with such sweet manifestations of His love, to trust my soul and all my interests in His hands!”

Today is Sunday November 10, 2024

WELCOME TO THE SOVEREIGN GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Our Prayer List

“Pray without ceasing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son’s Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O’Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

Pastor's thought for the week.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" 1 Peter 5:2

How does God see people?

Part 2

Genesis 6:5 - 6 *"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."*

The question we must ask why did God kill every living soul on the earth except those eight souls in the Ark? We must listen to the reason God gave us, *"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."* Genesis 6:5 God said the wickedness of people was great and *"every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* God went on to describe the wickedness to us in Genesis 6:11, 12 *"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth."* It was not only wicked, and every imagination of every heart was evil, but the world was also corrupt (in ruin). Why was people so evil that God said it repented His that He created man? It is sin, the very sin that was inherently passed down from Adam to every living soul that has ever lived. People are born sinners and at enmity with God, no human soul has ever been born any other way, from Cain and Able all the way through history we were all born sinners and corrupt. This is exactly the way God sees every human being ever born, wicked, with evil thoughts in the heart continually, and corrupt, as the Apostle Paul wrote, *"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing..."* Rom 7:18 This is all people including me and you, and it is all because of the original sin that Adam committed against God. Job asked this powerful question, *"What is man, that he should be clean?"* Job 15:14 then Job asked in verse 16 *"How much more abominable and filthy is man..."* and he followed that question with this, *"which drinketh iniquity like water?"* Folks this is a very damning image that Job and Paul have painted of mankind. God said in Romans 3:10 & 11 *"...There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."* How many times does God have to use the word "none" for us all to understand how God sees the entire population called mankind? Look at how sin follows us through our nature, Cain killed Able his brother.

Pastor's Thought Continued

All mankind on earth were evil before the flood, and immediately after the flood after God had cleansed the earth of sinfulness Ham committed a sin with his father Noah and sinfulness continued. The reason for this is mankind by nature are bound to sin, we are servants to sin because we are all born under Satan's power of darkness, we cannot resist it. We are born in a totally depraved state and unable to change what we are by nature. God described this depravity in Jer. 13:23 *"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."* We cannot on our own do good nor ever please God in any form. As sinful souls from birth and totally depraved means that when God sees us he sees a people without righteousness and with our spirits dead. People are born with three different entities, we have a soul, a spirit, and a body. The soul is our living being inside of our body, when God made Adam from the dust of the ground then God breathed life into him and that life was a human soul. Gen. 2:7 *"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* This living soul is our life inside of our bodies, and without it the body is just an empty vessel. **"Next week we will look at the spirit and body and how sin affected them."**

Church information and Happenings

- Happy Birthday to Brother Frank Reigel on Wednesday November 13th

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple.

Psalm 11:1-7

"To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright."