

February 26, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD
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WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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PRAISE FOR SOVEREIGN GRACE

Tune: "Sweet Hour of Prayer," (LM/Double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Unto our sovereign God we trace,
That we are saved by sovereign grace;
And with a sense of sin we see,
What else but grace could set us free?
'Twas grace before the world was made,
Ordained our debt of sin be paid;
His wondrous grace to us was shown,
God chose a people for His own.

Behold God's free, amazing grace,
Christ Jesus came and took our place;
With Him the Father was well-pleased,
Christ's bloody death His wrath appeased.
Grace reigns through righteousness alone,
For Jesus suffered grief unknown;
The law was fully satisfied,
When for our sins Christ bled and died.

Ascended high upon His throne,
Christ reigns in glory all His own;
Through His regenerating grace,
By faith we now the Son embrace.
So this our song of songs shall be,
We're saved by grace so rich and free;
Soon we shall see our Savior's face,
And praise Him for His sovereign grace.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 28 Leta Picklesimer
Rita Meek
Ethan Patel

March 1 Rachel Walker
3 Judy Caudill

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"Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever" (Psalm 28:9).

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SEVEN ABOMINATIONS OF THE HEART

I find to this day seven abominations in my heart: (1) Inclinations to unbelief. (2) Suddenly to forget the love and mercy that Christ manifests. (3) A leaning to the works of the law. (4) Wanderings and coldness in prayer. (5) To forget to watch for that I pray for. (6) Apt to murmur because I have no more, and yet ready to abuse what I have. (7) I can do none of those things which God commands me, but my corruptions will thrust in themselves, "When I would do good, evil is present with me."

These things I continually see and feel, and am afflicted and oppressed with; yet the wisdom of God doth order them for my good. (1) They make me abhor myself. (2) They keep me from trusting my own heart. (3) They convince me of the insufficiency of all inherent righteousness. (4) They show me the necessity of flying to Jesus. (5) They press me to pray to God. (6) They show me the need I have to watch and be sober. (7) And provoke me to look to God, through Christ, to help me, and carry me through this world. Amen. —John Bunyan

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JEHOVAH SHAMMAH

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH means "The LORD is there" (Ezekiel 48:35). Such is the name of the church in consequence of the presence of her glorious Husband. The prophet is speaking by the Spirit of prophecy and looking into the days of the gospel; so that here is a mark to know the church by now, and which will be the character of Christ's church forever. Without the Lord's presence there is no church; unless He be in the midst of us, we will go lean all our days. Lord, write JEHOVAH SHAMMAH in our churches, in our hearts, in our houses, and in our families! —Robert Hawker

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We never fully understand divine truth until we have experienced it; the diamond of divine promise never glistens so brightly as when it is placed in the setting of personal trial and experience, and the gold of sacred truth is not valued until it has been tried by fire. —Henry Mahan

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"WHO IS THE LORD?"

Moses and Aaron delivered the word of the Lord to Pharaoh. "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let My people go, that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness" (Exodus 5:1). Pharaoh responded in his haughtiness, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go" (Exodus 5:2). One writer says that Pharaoh had a book listing all the gods and angels of the various religions of the world and he could not find in his book the name of "The LORD God." This proud, earthly monarch, therefore, demanded to know the identity of the God who would venture to make demands upon the Egyptian king, the most powerful man in the world. Who would dare issue an ultimatum to Pharaoh? "I have no knowledge of your God: I have no fear of Him, I am not in awe of Him, I have no respect for Him and therefore I will not do what He says." Does the conceited emperor ask, "Who is the LORD?" Let Jehovah answer for Himself. "I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, I will do all my pleasure...I have purposed it, I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:9-11). Man foolishly imagines that the Lord's purpose is dependent upon creature cooperation. He thinks that God can do no more than man will let Him do. What absurd thoughts! "But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased" (Psalm 115:3). The Lord purposed that Israel would worship Him in the wilderness and worship Him they would, notwithstanding the resistance and arrogance of Pharaoh. What happened to Egypt's king? He found out that Jehovah is God indeed. The deaths of the firstborn Egyptians filled him with fear and the Israelites were released. Later, when the Lord directed the Israelites safely through the Red Sea, He brought the waves in upon Pharaoh and his supposedly invincible warriors. The king and his entire army were swept away into the abyss of unending destruction. Pharaoh asked, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice?" Well, Mr. Pharaoh, He is the God Who declared, "And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee My power; and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth" (Exodus 9:16). Jehovah is still "The LORD God" and always will be and Pharaoh is still in hell and always will be. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still" (Rev 22:11).

—Pastor Jim Byrd