

Pastor's Pen

None Like Him!

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, Yahweh, the Creator of the ends of the earth, Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28

When Isaiah wrote these words, the Assyrians had conquered Israel. God used Assyria as the "rod of His anger" (Isaiah 10:5-19), and He used them to bring judgment on His people. Assyria's conquest of the northern kingdom of Israel began approximately 740 BC. First Chronicles 5:26 notes, "So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, king of Assyria, even the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser, king of Assyria, and he took them away into exile, namely the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day."

Nearly 20 years later, about 722 BC, the capital city, Samaria, was overtaken by the Assyrians under Shalmaneser V. After first forcing tribute payments, Shalmaneser later laid siege to the city when it refused to pay. Following a three-year siege, 2 Kings 17:5-6 informs us, "Then the king of Assyria went up against the whole land, and he went up to Samaria and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, took Israel away into exile to Assyria, and settled them in Halah and Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes."

You can imagine how God's people felt after they were conquered. God uses Isaiah to remind His people that He will never forsake them. He writes,

He gives power to the weary, And to him who lacks vigor He increases might. Though youths grow weary and tired, And choice young men stumble badly, Yet those who hope in Yahweh Will gain new power; They will mount up with wings like eagles; They will run and not get tired; They will walk and not become weary (Isaiah 40:29-31).

How does this promise to God's people apply to us today? We can start by trusting in the sovereignty of God. We know that "*for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)*". As believers, we should have no fear of what the world may do to us. Paul reminds us of this fact: "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day (2 Cor. 4:16)". God will cause us to mount up on eagles' wings, to give us the strength to live this life for Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. On the day our faith will see sight, all the troubles of this life will be forgotten, and we will be in the presence of the Lamb of God forever. Until that day, God gives power to the weary, and strength to the weak, to all who seek His will in their lives.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer - His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable."
- John Newton

Grace Gems

How to read the Bible

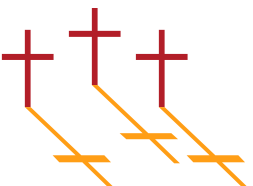
(J.R. Miller, "The Shining Light" 1911)
"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."
Psalm 119:105

"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them!" John 13:17

It is necessary to read the Bible, not just to know the will of God—but that we may do it. If Scripture is not the practice of our life—it is nothing to us. Its truths are to be applied. If we read the Beatitudes, we are to compare ourselves with their Divine requirements, and seek to be conformed to them. If we come upon a verse that rebukes any habit or sin of ours, we are immediately to make the needed amendment.

We are to accept its promises, believe them—and then act as believing them. We are to allow its comforts to enter our hearts and support us in sorrow. There is nothing written in the Bible merely for ornament or beauty. Every word is practical! There is no truth in Scripture which has not some bearing upon actual living. When we come to it eager to know how to live, and ready to obey its precepts—we shall find it opening its inmost meaning to us!
"If you love Me, you will obey My commandments."
John 14:15

"We know that we have come to know Him, IF we obey His commands. The man who says, 'I know Him,' but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him!" 1 John 2:3-4



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old Testament
New Testament
Young Parents
Young Adults
Sunday Morning @ 9AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study
Every other Saturday:
Women of Grace | 9am

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
every other week @ Chambers, Cox's,
Patrick's and beginning 6/23 @ the
Brown's

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and forgot to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study

Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 7/03/2022

General Offering	8,518.46
Building Fund	7,988.60
Uganda	300.00
Total.....	16,807.06

Attendance	207
Sunday School	150
Online.....	30

Build the Body Ministries

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