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THE PEN OF A READY WRITER

...I SPEAK OF THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE MADE TOUCHING THE KING:
MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A READY WRITER (PSALM 45:1).

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To Know the Righteousness of the LORD

What does the Lord require of his people? He requires what is good: to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). How is God my God? Through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). The Lord wants us to know his righteousness; and, he gave us a reminder of it through Balak and Balaam (Micah 6:5).

Balak, king of Moab, sought to have God's people cursed. He saw what was done to the Amorites; and, Moab was afraid because the children of Israel were many. Balak had used Balaam to curse his enemies before, and he calls on Balaam once again. However, God will turn the words of Balaam into a blessing, giving us insight to God's righteousness along the way.

Three times Balaam blesses Israel: Numbers 23:7-10; Numbers 23:19-24; Numbers 24:3-9. Then, Balaam prophesies of the Star which shall come out of Jacob and the Sceptre that shall arise out of Israel (Numbers 24:17-19).

The first time Balaam speaks, it is of the righteous among Israel and their last end (Numbers 23:10; Revelation 20:4, 21:1). The third time, God reminds the world of what he promised Abraham: "Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee" (Numbers 24:9; Genesis 12:2-3). It is in the second declaration of Balaam that we come to see the righteousness of the Lord upon believing Israel.

God sends a message to the world: he has not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither has he seen perverseness in Israel (Numbers 23:21). How is that possible? God has given us the record of their wandering. The Lord gives us two reasons: first, the Lord his God is with him, and, second, there is the shout of a king (Christ) among them (Numbers 23:21b).

Israel, who believed the promise, were counted for the seed (Romans 9:6-8). The children of the promise are the children of God. Like them, we have received the promise of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Unlike them, we have the Spirit of Christ living within us, possessing the righteousness of God which is by faith of the Lord Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe (Romans 3:22).

The Lord our God is with us. He will never leave us, nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). We have more than the shout of a King in our midst: we have the Spirit of Christ, living within us (Romans 8:1-17). Our body has become the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16).



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GOD IS ABLE!

My Christian doctor shared with me this morning that his youngest daughter was expecting a child and had developed a tumor in the front of her brain. She could not have surgery to remove the tumor until the baby was born. Praise the Lord, she delivered a very healthy baby girl! Her doctors had to wait a month after the baby was born before they could remove the tumor. That tumor was removed yesterday (March 30th). She is in the hospital, recovering.

The doctors are not sure whether she will have a full recovery. I know, without a shadow of doubt, that God is able to give her complete recovery, just as I know He has been able to help me in my trials. I have faced many difficult things as a believer in Christ. My Lord has been faithful. He has carried me through, and will carry me through, each and every one!

I love the song, *He is Able*. I sing it when I am facing a situation that I don't know how to deal with (but, God does!).

*He is able; He is able; I know He is able: I know my Lord is able to carry me through.
He heals the broken hearted; and He sets the captive free
He makes the lame to walk again; and He causes the blind to see
He is able; He is able; I know He is able: I know my Lord is able to carry me through!*

Rendering Honor to Whom
Honor is Due:

Rev. Clyde J. Gravley

April 25, 1938 – March 28, 2023

Rev. Clyde Gravley, Jr., age 84, faithfully pastored Galilee Baptist Church, Easley, SC, for over 51 years. He spent 53 years on the radio with WELP and WTBI, sharing the gospel throughout the world.

We pray for his family and praise our Lord for his precious promises!



April Activities:

- 2nd – Teaching Sunday School, Morningside Baptist Church, Greenville, SC
- 9th – Celebrating EASTER with the family
- 11th – Annual Spring Fellowship Bible Baptist Tabernacle, Monroe, NC
- 16th – Minnesota, MI
- 23rd – Mission's Conference, Harvest Baptist Church, Blakely, GA.
- 30th – Sunday services, Redemption Baptist Church, Enoree, SC.

Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself

When the Lord Jesus Christ recounted the law of Moses to the rich, young ruler, he substituted "love thy neighbor" for coveting that which is our neighbor's (Matthew 19:18-19). James tells us that loving our neighbour as ourselves fulfills the royal law (James 2:8). He adds that we do well to do so.

Paul agrees, stating, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Galatians 5:14). He that loves another has fulfilled the law. For this – Thou shalt not commit adultery; Thou shalt not kill; Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt not bear false witness; Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment – it is briefly comprehended in this saying, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Romans 13:9)

A Merry Heart...

It does us good, like a medicine (Proverbs 17:22).
It makes a cheerful countenance (Proverbs 15:13).
It provides us a continual feast (Proverbs 15:15).

Regrading last month: One half of 18 is 9; one third is 6; and, one ninth is 2. When you add 9 + 6 + 2, you have 17.