

THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

ELEVEN O’CLOCK

June 16, 2019

We gather today as “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant ... ” Hebrews 12:23-24a

A Time for Preparation

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

O Sovereign Lord,

You are the Creator-Father of all men, for you have made and do support them. You are the special Father of those who know, love and honor you, who find the yoke easy, and the burden light, your work honorable, and your commandments glorious. But how little your undeserved goodness has affected me! How imperfectly have I improved my religious privileges! How negligent have I been in doing good to others! I am before you in my trespasses and sins, have mercy on me, and may your goodness bring me to repentance. Help me to hate and forsake every false way, to be attentive to my condition and character, to bridle my tongue, to keep my heart with all diligence, to watch and pray against temptation, to mortify sin, to be concerned for the salvation of others. O God, I cannot endure to see the destruction of my kindred. Let those that are united to me in tender ties be precious in your sight and devoted to your glory. Sanctify and prosper my domestic devotion, instruction, discipline, example, that my house may be a nursery for heaven, my church the garden of the Lord, enriched with tress of righteousness of your planting, for your glory. Let not those of my family fall short of heaven at last. Grant that the promising appearances of a tender conscience, soft heart, the alarms and delights of your Word, be not finally blotted out, but bring forth judgment unto victory in all whom I love.

(The Valley of Vision Prayer Book)

Ringling of Bell Judah & Felicity Gosnell

Announcements..... Deacon

A Time for Praise:

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture and Prayer Worship Leader

- *Hymn of Praise* *Faith of Our Fathers* Hymn #404

A Time for Offering:

- *Offertory Hymn* *O How I Love Jesus*..... Hymn # 92

Offertory Prayer

Tithes and Offerings Ushers

A Time for Hearing God’s Word:

- *Congregational Hymn* *Great is Thy Faithfulness*..... Hymn #139

Message Pastor Lucas Mann

Pastoral Prayer

A Time for Surrender:

- *Closing Hymn* *The Longer I Serve Him* Hymn #520

- *Benediction*

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Affirmation of Faith – the Baptist Catechism, 1813

108. What do we prayer for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name (Mt. 6:9), we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he makes himself known (Ps. 67:2,3), and that he would dispose all things to his own glory (Ps. 83 throughout; Rom. 11:36).

109. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come (Mt. 6:10), we pray that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed (Ps. 68:1, 18), and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced (Rev. 12:10, 11), ourselves and others brought into it and kept in it (2 Thes. 3:1; Rom. 10:1; Jn. 17:19, 20), and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened (Rev. 22:10).

110. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Mt. 6:10), we pray that God by his grace would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things (Ps. 67: throughout; Ps. 119:36; 2 Sam. 15:25; Job 1:21), as the angels do in heaven (Ps. 103:20, 21).

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, June 16

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

No Evening Services

Wednesday, June 19

7:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Saturday, June 22

8:00 a.m. Man’s Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Work day at the Parsonage

Church Watch this month: Jerry Crawford

Senior Adult of the Month: Mary Brock

Raising Children Who Hope In the Triumph of God

by John Piper

(Part 2)

2. Pray

That triumph comes only by grace and only in answer to prayer. Prayer is the first and fundamental way that we join forces with God in his victory over sin and evil and unbelief. And so the second thing we must do as parents is pray for our children and teach them to pray.

We need to pour our hearts out in secret where none but God knows what we say, pleading for the salvation and holiness and perseverance of our children. And our Father who sees in secret will reward us.

We need to pray in the presence of our children so that they can hear our longings and read our hearts and learn themselves to pray. And we need to pray with our children so that they have a chance to pray in a loving environment.

How many great men have testified to the power of their father's and their mother's prayers? Augustus Strong, who was a Baptist seminary president at the end of the nineteenth century and who wrote a systematic theology still in print wrote in his autobiography,

One of the earliest things I remember is [my mother] taking me into a dimly lighted closet every Saturday afternoon after the day's work was done and kneeling with me beside a chest while she taught me how to pray. I remember her suggesting to me the thoughts and, when I could not command the words, her putting into my mouth the very words, of prayer. I shall never forget how, one day, as I had succeeded in uttering some poor words of my own, I was surprised by drops falling upon my face. They were my mother's tears. My mother's teaching me how to pray has given me ever since my best illustration of the Holy Spirit's influence in prayer. When we know not what to pray for as we ought, he, with more than a mother's skill and sympathy, helps our infirmities and makes intercession within us while Christ makes intercession for us before the throne. (p. 80)

3. Demonstrate the Importance of the Bible

The third thing we must do to raise up children who hope in the triumph of God is make the Bible the most important book in their lives.

William Quayle, a great old Methodist preacher from 60 years ago, looked back on his parents' home and said, "I would rather have been the son of a woman and a man, who in their penury could not leave to the child of their love . . . anything but a Bible, than to have been descended from all the majesties of history" (*William Alfred Quayle*, by M. S. Rice, 1928, p. 31).

I just read yesterday a little article by William Frankena who teaches philosophy in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He said that when he was a boy, his father read at least one chapter from the Bible after every meal and that they finished the Bible every year for 16 years.

Most of us are so afraid of a little resistance from our children that we set very small goals by the standards of our ancestors. After years of reading systematically through books of the Bible, we are working on memorizing

verses this year at the breakfast table. We have memorized 29 verses so far this year.

We need to help our children feel what Eugene Nida just wrote this month in a summary of his life as a Bible consultant for Bible translating around the world. He said,

Another important privilege [of this work] was to realize that the message of the Holy Scriptures is certainly the most important and meaningful message for the modern day. [Do our kids see this conviction in our use of the Bible?] To see how an intelligible, clear translation of the Scriptures could have a transforming effect upon a psychologically distraught hippie, upon a self-satisfied and smug intellectual, and upon a depressed and oppressed Indian community in the Andes made me realize that there is no real substitute for this good news. ("My Pilgrimage in Mission," *IBMR*, Ap 1988, p. 62)

We must show our children that this book is the most important book in our lives and that it contains the answers to life's greatest questions and that it is the battle plan for the triumph of God.

There is so much more to say about what we must be as parents if we are to raise up children who hope in the triumph of God and who throw their lives into the great cause of Christ.

4. Be Living Examples of Faith

If we had time, we would talk of the need to be living examples of faith and hope for our children in very practical ways. And I would tell you stories about how my father was totally dependent for our livelihood on invitations from churches to preach, but how he said, when there were big holes in his schedule, that God would provide for those who trust him. He believed it. And it never occurred to me as his son to doubt God's word or my father's faith that God will always triumph.

5. Be Happy

We would talk about the need to be happy lest our children get the impression that the triumph of God would be the triumph of gloom.

6. Discipline

We would talk about the need for firm, no-nonsense corporal discipline and recall what it did in the life of Amy Carmichael to fit her, as Elizabeth Elliot says, "for the buffetings she would have to endure" on the way to the triumph of God.

7. Be Humble and Willing to Apologize

We would talk about humility and the willingness to apologize to our children, and show them that the cross can triumph even over a dad's mistakes.

8. Worship Together

We would talk about the need to worship together so that the children can see mom and dad praise God and bow in reverence and cherish the preaching of God's Word, and get a foretaste of what it will be when the Lord comes in triumph at the end of the age.

9. Uphold Standards of Everyday Holiness

And we would talk about standards of everyday holiness without which no one will see the Lord. Standards of sexual purity, and financial integrity, and rigorous truthfulness, and self-control, and hard work—what it means in practical everyday terms to be on the side of the justice and grace that will someday triumph over all evil.

10. Love

And finally we would talk about love. Parents loving children and children learning to love—learning that in the end everything is in vain without love, that in the world love is the visible expression of faith in the triumph of God, that in the soul love no matter what it costs is the way of joy.

Our great challenge from Family Week is to be the kind of church and the kind of parents that raise up children—old and young—who hope in the triumph of God

We thank you for worshipping with us today. We trust that your heart has been encouraged, your spirit filled, and that you will leave here equipped for the work to which God has called you. If you would like to find out more information about Poplar Springs Baptist Church, please visit our website: www.poplarspringsws.org or call (864) 861-2196.

*** Nancy will be on vacation this week so if you need anything, please call Mike Posey @ 980-7387 (cell) or 861-9600 (home) instead. ***

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“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”

Psalm 127:3 – 5

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Sunday School: 10:00 am

Worship: 11:00 am