

THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

ELEVEN O’CLOCK

October 7, 2018

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

God of All Good,

I bless you for the means of grace; teach me to see in them your loving purposes and the joy and strength of my soul. You have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as guest, I wholly rest on the merits of Jesus, and hide myself beneath his righteousness. By your Spirit enliven my faith rightly to discern and spiritually apprehend the Savior. When I gaze upon the emblems (bread and cup) of my Savior’s death, may I ponder why he died, and hear him say, ‘I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself an offering to expiate (remove) your sin, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free, bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.’ O may I rightly grasp the breadth and length of this design, draw near, obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all men that I do for myself, gladly, in faith, reverence and love, receive my Lord, to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, and delight. In the supper I remember his eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, so may the indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen! (The Valley of Vision Prayer Book)

Ringling of Bell Judah Gosnell

Announcements..... Deacon

A Time for Praise:

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture and Prayer Worship Leader

- *Hymn of Praise* *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymn #215

A Time for Offering:

- *Offertory Hymn* *At Calvary* Hymn #492

Offertory Prayer

Tithes and Offerings Ushers

A Time for Hearing God’s Word:

Choral Message *Come Now and Sing* Arr. Wilkerson

Message Pastor Lucas Mann

Pastoral Prayer

A Time for Communion:

- *Hymn of Preparation* *I Gave My Life for Thee* Hymn #675

Prayer of Confession

Partaking the Lord’s Supper

A Time for Surrender:

- *Hymn of Response* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Hymn #285

- Benediction

Postlude

“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

Q. Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, “Thou shalt not steal” (Ex. 20:15).

Q. What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others (Gen. 30:30; 1 Tim. 5:8; Lev. 25:35; Deut. 22:1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Ex. 23:4, 5; Gen. 47:14, 20).

Q. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own (1 Tim. 5:8; Pr. 28:19) or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate (Pr. 21:17, and 23:20, 21; Eph. 4:28).

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, October 7

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Evening Service
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry
7:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry

Monday, October 8

6:00 p.m. Prayer Group 6

Wednesday, October 10

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7

Nursery this week:

Mary Brock
Crystal Thomson

Church Watch this month:

Jerry Crawford

Covenant and Fellowship

By William Smith

The day will come when we will see Jesus in the flesh of His resurrection glory and we will sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Then we will see as we have never seen, know as we have never known, and eat the very bread and drink the very wine of heaven

(Part 2)

III. IT WAS A BLOOD COVENANT.

Moses built at altar of sacrifice. He also constructed twelve pillars, one to represent each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he instructed young men to slaughter oxen, and perhaps other animals, to offer burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. The burnt offering was the most comprehensive of the sacrifices and was offered to cover over sins and as a symbol of the total consecration of the presenter to God. The peace offering was an offering that established and celebrated fellowship between God and His people. The two offerings together symbolized a community of people at peace with God because atonement for sins had been made. In the case of both offerings, people laid their hands on the heads of the animals before they were killed and the blood of the animals was sprinkled against the sides of the altar.

This occasion was something more than the usual offering of sacrifices before the LORD. It was a covenant making ceremony. So, Moses did something different. When the animals were killed, he saved half the blood in basins. Then once again he read to the people God’s law and they responded, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." Then Moses took the basins of blood and, perhaps using tree branches, he threw the blood on the people. In our worship services, from time to time, we read the summary of God’s Law in the Ten Commandments. Imagine if today, after the reading of the law, the ministers were to take blood and dip a tree branch in it and walk among you throwing the blood on you. Imagine looking at your wife and children and fellow worshipers and seeing the blood on their faces and clothes. Imagine looking at the front of your own clothes and seeing them covered with blood. That is what the Israelites experienced that day.

What is the significance of this bloody ceremony? In the context of a covenant making ceremony the killing of the animals and the sprinkling of the blood on the people emphasizes the life and death consequences of the covenant. It was common in the ancient world that when a king made a covenant with a people, animals would be killed and the carcasses split and laid out parallel to one another. Then the people would do what was called "passing between the pieces." This ceremony said, "Here is what will happen to you, if you rebel and break the covenant." In this case the sprinkling of the blood of the butchered animals says to Israel, "You have said you will keep the words the LORD has spoken and promised to obey.

This promise is sealed with the blood of the covenant. If you do not remain faithful to the LORD, that fate of these animals will be your fate." You and I need to look to another, more gruesome scene of covenant making, to Golgotha’s cross and the sacrificial victim, the Lord Jesus Christ. See His blood flowing, and His body and soul consumed by the fire of God’s wrath. And, know that this is what all sin and rebellion against God deserves.

But there was more for Israel, and there is more, much more, for us. For Israel there was the altar of sacrifice. The guilt of the sinner was symbolically

transferred to the animal, and the animal's life was substituted for the sinner. The sinner's sin was covered; atonement was made. The altar told Israel that there was forgiveness for sins committed against the covenant. Covenant law and the demand for covenant obedience must always be coupled with covenant sacrifice and covenant forgiveness. We look to the cross and there we see, not only what sin deserves, but there we see also how sin can be forgiven. In fact, all the sacrifices of the Old Testament could do no more than picture and promise the one effective sacrifice offered by the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the One to whom our sins could be transferred. His sacrifice is the only one which could bear the wrath of God and so turn God's favor toward us. For us to be covered by the blood of the covenant means that our sins are completely and forever atoned for by the pouring out of Jesus' lifeblood upon the cross.

Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at which Jesus took a cup of wine and said, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." If we trust in Jesus as our covenant sacrifice, we come to the Lord's Table and we claim and celebrate our full forgiveness sealed in the blood of Jesus.

IV. IT WAS A FELLOWSHIP COVENANT.

After the making of sacrifices and the sprinkling with blood, Moses, Aaron, two of Aaron's sons, and the seventy elders, went up on the mountain again. A most remarkable thing happened: "They saw the God of Israel." Later, in Exodus, 33, Moses asks the LORD to show him His glory. The LORD's response was, that He would show Moses His goodness and proclaim His name, but He added, "you cannot see my face for man cannot see me and live." Then the Lord put Moses in the cleft of a rock, and covered Moses with his hand, and passed by. When the LORD removed His hand, Moses glimpsed His back. Now we know that the LORD does not have a body, so this language must be what we call "highly anthropomorphic"-describing God as though He had a face, and back, and hands. All this does impress on us how great the LORD is. As a general rule, no one can see Him at all. But on a special occasion an exception is granted to the covenant mediator, Moses.

The case in Exodus 24 is another of those extraordinary exceptions. Not all the people, but just 74 – the elders, Moses, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu go up and see God. In this case it appears they saw only His "feet" for what is described is what lay beneath the feet – "a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness." What they saw was highly impressive for its beauty and glory. They are in the presence of God in some way not ordinarily allowed, and in this case allowed for only a privileged few. And, despite being on the mountain where God revealed His majestic and awesome glory, and despite seeing God whom no man can see and live, they did live. More than live, they ate and drank with God. It is a wonderful picture of the possibilities of fellowship with God. Though God is so great and good, and man is so little and bad, God will receive men into His presence and, rather than uplift His hand of judgment against them, will break bread and pour drink with them.

You may think that would be wonderful – to be invited into such fellowship with God that you could see His glory and not be consumed by it, to be able to have table fellowship with God. Well, it is wonderful, and it is something you are invited to do today. You are invited to come to this house and to this Table and to eat a covenant meal We see the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus who invites us to come. He will feed us with the bread of His sacrificed body and the wine of the blood of the new covenant. We will have the most personal and intimate fellowship

with God possible in this world. That is why I hope you will not lightly ignore this invitation. Not a few of us, not ministers and elders, but every one of the Lord's people has an invitation to come and look upon the face of Jesus Christ and to have communion with Him.

This, wonderful as it is, is only a foretaste of something more wonderful to come. The day will come when we will see Jesus in the flesh of His resurrection glory and we will sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Then we will see as we have never seen, know as we have never known, and eat the very bread and drink the very wine of heaven. Come to the Lord's Table today and get a sense of what awaits the people of God.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24: 1-18 Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-20

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.

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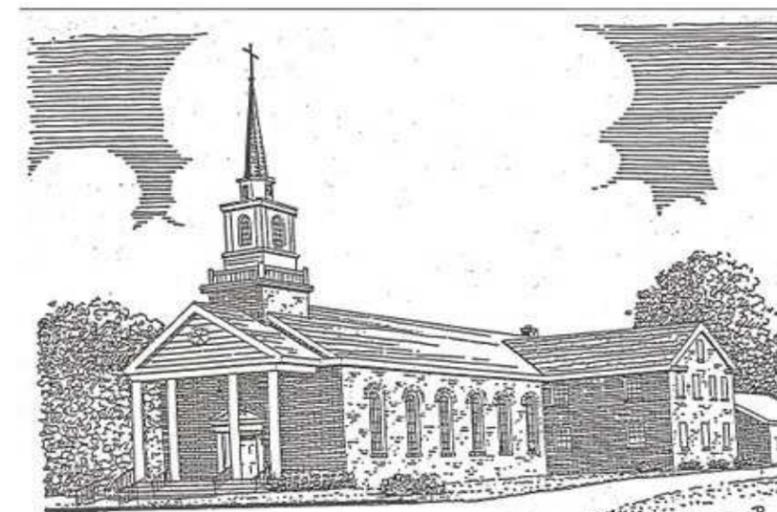
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“And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.’” Luke 22:15-20

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Sunday School: 10:00 am

Worship: 11:00 am