

Morning Worship

July 22, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

Piano —

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

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Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People	Scripture Reading
Psalm 8	Don/People	
Hymn # 29	<i>How Majestic is Your Name</i>	Don/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Hymn # 52	<i>He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 43	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 44	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Don/People
Offering Prayer		John Lewis
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		
No Children's Worship		(Summer Break)
Message	<i>God's Always Working</i>	Allan Lane
Hymn # 307	<i>Just As I Am</i>	Don/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Closing Chorus# 52	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	Don/People

God's Always Working

Exodus 2:1-10

As we look at the first reality of knowing and doing the will of God, we are reminded that God is always working out His will in our lives. We need to stop being preoccupied with visible people and circumstances, and by faith start believing in God's invisible Hand. A great example is seen in the life of Moses.

1. God Chose a Man .

His name is Amram (Exodus 6:20). God determined if, and when, and where this man would be born. Have you ever thought about God's providential hand in our existence? My dad, before he was my dad, was being trained to pack mules out at Fort Riley, Kansas, when President Truman dropped the bombs on Japan, thus ending WWII. If he had gone into battle in the interior of Japan, it's possible he might not have ever returned from war. I would not be here this morning preaching God's Word. We are here simply because God decided to give us life (Acts 17:25).

Amram was a man of the house of Levi. In Egypt he was a slave from an insignificant tribe. Keep in mind it is not until later that they are appointed to the priesthood. At this time the prominent tribes were Judah and Joseph. God's providence doesn't work like man's – He rarely goes after the rich and famous. Gideon was "the least in his father's house." David was the last of 8 sons and was considered so insignificant that he wasn't even brought in at first. God providentially uses insignificant people (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

He was allowed to marry a godly woman. It says he took a wife also from the tribe of Levi. Her name was Jochebed (6:20). Proverbs 18:21 reminds us "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD."

That reminds me of a man who put an ad in the paper, "Wife wanted." Now before I go any farther, I'm expecting to get a dirty look from my wife as well as several boos. Well, he received about 100 replies, most of which read, "You can have mine!" Whether we realize it or not it was God's providential hand that brought you and your wife together.

He was able to have children. We all know couples that could not have children, and God is presented as the one who decides who can have children (Genesis 30:1-2).

This man had much to thank God for. How about us? Has God not made us alive? Are we not all little or insignificant? Has God allowed you to get married? Has He enabled you to have children? These are unfortunately taken as common place.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said that if the stars came out only once a year, everybody would stay up all night to behold them. We have seen the stars so often that we don't bother to look at them anymore. We have grown accustomed to our blessings.

2. God Chose a Woman . Verses 2-3

The woman conceived and bore a son. This was a gift from God (Psalm 127:3/Numbers 18:6). She saw that he was a beautiful child. What does that mean? Perhaps she saw him with her eyes of faith and realized that there was something special about this baby (Acts 7:20/Hebrews 11:23). This is more than simply saying they thought the baby was beautiful. Every parent thinks their baby is beautiful. The key is the word "by faith" which is not talking here about Moses' faith but that of his parents. Now the principle is always the same, faith has to be based on God's Word, God's promise (Romans 10:17). I believe God spoke to them through His Word [which at that stage they only had through word of mouth] that this was going to be the one who fulfilled the promise of taking them out of Egypt. They knew that God had told Abraham they would be in Egypt, as slaves for 400 years (Genesis 15:12-21) and they knew that time was just about up; they knew the words of Joseph's prophecy also (Genesis 50:24, 25). The Beauty of Moses was seen in the fact that he would be used by God to fulfill His promise of deliverance from Egypt. A. W. Tozer said "What is the promise for? A promise is given to me so that I may know intelligently what God has planned for me, what God will give me and so what to claim. Those are the promises and they are intelligent directions. They rest upon the character and ability of the One who made them."

She hid him three months. At first she did the only thing that was logical. She hid the baby but obviously that was more difficult as the baby grew. But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. The Hebrew word used for Moses' basket is the same as that used for Noah's ark. The papyrus used to make the floating cradle was also used in the construction of light boats in Egypt and Mesopotamia. The reed bundles overlapped in three layers, and the pitch would make it watertight. It could be that God impressed upon her to do this much like He commanded Noah to build the Ark of safety. True, she didn't have the book of Genesis because Moses who wrote that book had not yet written it. But there was word of mouth. She obviously knew the story of the flood. We can see God's providential hand by studying the Scriptures. It was after Daniel studied the book of Jeremiah that he knew that God was about to deliver them from the Babylonian captivity (Daniel 9:2-3). If you want to know what God is up to, get into God's Word. Providence and the promises of God found in His Word go hand in hand.

3. God Chose a Protector . Verses 4, 7-9

His sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. His sister could do nothing but wait to see what the Lord would do. Sometimes all we can do is just wait and see what the Lord might do. God had a special plan for Moses, and it required Miriam to wait.

Her plan of actioner consisted of her proposal to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" God's providence not only included Jochebed, the child's mother, to be able to nurse and care for the child, but in involved compensation. Moses is going to be raised by his own mother during his formative years and Pharaoh is going to pay the diaper bill. God in His providence will also provide for us.

4. God Chose a Provider . Verses 5-6

Who in all of Egypt would be better to provide for Moses than the daughter of Pharaoh? It's as if she was born for this task. She was at the right place. She was looking in the right place. It would have been easy to miss the little basket, but God directed her to see it. She had the right pity. When she opened up the basket, she saw the child, and on cue the baby cried. She had compassion on him, even though she realized this was one of the Hebrews' children. God had filled her heart with compassion for this baby. Even though it wasn't her baby it was a precious little life.

God in His providence makes things happen. He will get the right person at the right place at the right time. In World Vision magazine, John Robb wrote about an occasion when he saw God's perfect timing. Robb was in Moscow to teach a seminar at the weeklong Conference on Evangelization. While there he met a man named Mirza who was a doctor from Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan is a Muslim region where there were only 20 known converts to Christ. Robb had an opportunity to tell Mirza about Jesus Christ and he wanted to give him some Christian literature. To Robb's dismay he found he had already given away all the Bibles he had brought, but he had one gospel tract left. Robb writes:

"[Mirza] showed up again the next day at my hotel room just as I was leaving for the airport. He expressed his appreciation for my friendship, saying that he hoped we could meet again. I thought, Lord, what I'd give for a Russian New Testament right now. Not ten seconds later there was a knock at the door. The Russian Gideons were there with a whole load of New Testaments. They had just received permission from the hotel management to place Bibles in every room. One of them held out a New Testament, as if to say, "Is this what you wanted?" I handed it to Mirza and we said goodbye." God gets the right person, in the right place, at the right time.

5. God Chose a Deliverer . verse 10

Moses grew up in a Godly family. There is a difference of opinion as to how long he stayed with his parents. Most scholars agree it was 2-3 years, some as high as 12 years. When his mother brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, he became her son. Some might talk about this as a "from rages to riches" story. In reality, it's just the providential hand of God at work.

F.B. Meyer said, "The cream of all Egypt was poured into the cup of Moses. He was brought up in the palace, and treated as the grandson of Pharaoh. If he rode into the streets, it would be in a princely chariot, amid the cries of "Bow the knee!" If he floated on the Nile, it would be in a golden barge, amid the strains of voluptuous music. If he wished for aught, the almost illimitable wealth of the treasures of Egypt was within his reach. When old enough he was probably sent to be educated in the college, which had grown up around the Temple of the Sun, and has been called "the Oxford of Ancient Egypt." There he would learn to read and write the mysterious

hieroglyph; there, too, he would be instructed in mathematics, astronomy, and chemistry..."

So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water." Is not Moses an amazing story of God's Sovereignty? (Psalm 75:6/ 1 Peter 5:6.)

Conclusion

God's Providence was at work through a Man, a Mother, her Majesty, Miriam, and Moses. You could put your own name in there. God's Providence is working in your life as well.

Out of the history of Napoleonic France, Leonard Griffith has given us a moving story of a political prisoner by the name of Charnet. Charnet was thrown into prison simply because he had made a remark that offended the emperor Napoleon. Cast into a dungeon cell, presumably left to die, as the days and weeks and months passed by, Charnet became embittered at his fate. Slowly but surely he began to lose his faith in God. And one day, in a moment of rebellious anger, he scratched on the wall of his cell, "All things come by chance," which reflected the injustice that had come his way by chance. He sat in the darkness of that cell growing more bitter by the day. There was one spot in the cell where a single ray of sunlight came every day and remained for a little while. And one morning, to his absolute amazement, he noticed that in the hard, earthen floor of that cell a tiny, green blade was breaking through. It was something living, struggling up toward that shaft of sunlight. It was his only living companion, and his heart went out in joy toward it. He nurtured it with his tiny ration of water, cultivated it, and encouraged its growth. That green blade became his friend. One day it burst through and there bloomed from the little plant a beautiful, purple and white flower. That warmed his heart and he was confronted with the providential hand of God. He scratched off the thing he had scribbled on the wall of his dungeon and in its place wrote, "He who made all things is God." Somehow the story of his little flower reached the ears of Josephine, Napoleon's wife. She was so moved by it that she persuaded Napoleon to release him. Satan wants you to think that everything is happening just by chance – but God's Word stands, waiting for us to stand upon it that a wise, loving, good, and powerful God is working all things for our good and His glory.

How Is God Working in Your Life?

God Is At Work

Friends, you and I have been given the assurance that when it comes to our God, He will never leave us nor forsake. As we journey on the road of faith, in a trusting relationship with Him, we never have to be concerned or afraid of this. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Our God, who worked 6 days to create this world, Who worked in the lives of Ruth, Esther, Malachi, Noah, Joshua and Caleb, Who led, fed, healed, and brought victory in the pages of our Bible, is the same God, living and at work today. Our God is always at work around us. He will never take off for the weekend. He will never kick you out of the house. He doesn't have office hours. He has no labor contract with days off written in the fine print. He has never been absent, missing, or on vacation as the prophet Elijah joked about. He has been attentive to the sparrow and responsive to the Saints. Our God is always at work around us.

This morning in worship we examine the first reality of God's interaction with His creation. Our God is always at work around us. One example of this in the life of Jesus is found in John 5. You'll notice in verse 2 that this story took place at a pool that didn't attract the physically fit, strutting around showing off their curves and muscular physiques. Instead this pool

attracted a different crowd. Verse 3 tells us a great number of disabled people used to lie here. And in verse 5 we read that one man who was there had been an invalid for 38 years. But in this particular story we see in verse 6 that Jesus is there. He is at the pool. When Jesus learned this man's condition and his inability to be placed in the pool when the waters were stirred so he could be healed, Jesus responds by asking the man, "Do you want to get well?" And then Jesus tells him to "Get up. Pick up your mat and walk." A miracle happened, and everything was changed for that man.

One might think that miracles are always in season. But this one took place on the Sabbath day. Because of this, according to verse 16, the Jews persecuted Him. The problem was that no good, faithful Jew (like Jesus) was to ever work on the Sabbath day. It was against the law of God. It was contrary to the Creation story in Genesis 1 and 2, where God worked six days and rested on the seventh.

This made the Jewish leaders a bit edgy. In verse 17, Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working." And in verses 19 and 20, He explains this further:

"Jesus gave them this answer: 'I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself, He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does.'"

Jesus informed His adversaries of a truth they wanted to deny: His Father is always at His work." Whether Paul was in jail or Jonah in the whale, no matter if one was in a boat or on an island, no matter if the person was surrounded by lions or holed up in cave, God was there, present and at work.

Are you aware God is always at work around you? We experience God when we realize He is continually working. We experience God when we join Him in His work.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Gary Yarbrough, John Lewis, Joseph Coats

Alternate: Larry McKahan

VBS Begins!.....6:30 pm

Monday—Thursday.....VBS 6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 25

No Prayer / Bible Study Due to Vacation Bible School

No Worship Team This Week

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Larry McKahan, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

No Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Monday, July 30

Sunday School Workers..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 1

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

July 22-26 — Vacation Bible School

July 30 — Sunday School Workers Meeting

August 6 — West Valley Food Kitchen

August 18 — Biblical Manhood Conference

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Nights

We will not have Sunday night services again until August 5. Please join us then as we will continue *A Case for Faith* with Lee Strobel. Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Prayer is such a vital part of everything a church does. While we will not be meeting this week at the church due to VBS, please pray at home for the direction of our church. Hope to see you next Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Vacation Bible School

July 22—26

Tonight at 6:30 pm through Thursday. Ellen would like to have a brief meeting on the front row next to the piano today following the morning worship.

Biblical Manhood Conference:
Our Higher Calling:
Biblical Manhood in the Home, Church, and World
August 18, 2018
8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Frederick Boulevard Baptist

The cost is \$20 per person and lunch is included with your registration. This conference is open to men and young men (12+).

Key Speaker

John Akin
North American Mission Board
Worship lead by:
Connor Scholes
Noland Road Baptist Church

Mark Your Calendars Now!

- ♦ July 22-26
Vacation Bible School
- ♦ August 18
Men's Conference
Frederick Boulevard
Baptist Church

Address Changes

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Saint Joseph, MO 64506

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For the Record

Attendance: July 15, 2018

Sunday School.....	34
Visitors.....	4
Total.....	38
Contacts Made.....	7
Morning Worship.....	65
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	10

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ... \$ 1,623.01
Long Family -June... \$ 160.00

Offering Received by Mail:

Eric and Shelly Thompson

July Counting Team:

Fred Kerns and Jordan Lane

July Van Driver:

George Burgess
Call 232-3747 **before 8 am**

July Member Birthdays:

02... Mary Sharp
05... Kathryn Beavers
15... Bill Schottel
20... Dorothy Post
23... Flora McKahan
24... Allan Lane
26... Jack Conard
26... Annette Schottel
30... Bill Haskins

July Anniversaries:

Don and Mary Sharp
July 3, 1970

Gary and Sharon Yarbrough
July 8, 1978

Don and Marcia Hart
July 15, 1973

Larry and Flora McKahan
July 29, 1966

Prayer Requests ...

Vacation Bible School
Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Jim and Brigida Winans
Annette and David Schottel
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Blake Conner—Swymeler's Grandson
Mike Green—knee recovery
Larry McKahan—inflection
Arlette Duty—strength
Sharri Duty—surgery recovery
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Jack and Flo Conard
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Gina Harr—strength
Tammy Panning, Emily Jones & Liam
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Karissa and Matt Long and family
The Waters Family—guidance

Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Shawna Hughes—recovery
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Rev. A. B. Brown Betty Campbell
George Ferbert Kevin Duty
Nellie Reynolds Ann Riddle
Don Beavers Tim Izer
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
