

## Morning Worship

March 8, 2020

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

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

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Scripture Reading

Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 577      *The Old Ship of Zion*

Romey/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Missions Moment

Hymn # 595      *Send the Light*

Romey/People

Hymn # 571      *Let Others See Jesus in You*

Romey/People

Offering Prayer

John Lewis

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Alva Lou Schottel

Chorus # 86      *Sanctuary*

Romey/People

Chorus # 78      *Find us Faithful*

Romey/People

Special Music

Message

Allan Lane

Hymn # 294      *Have Thine Own Way*

Romey/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Closing Chorus # 79      *Bind us Together*

Romey/People

## Jeremiah: Prophetic Confessions

Jeremiah Passages

These six profoundly moving and pathetic personal prayers depict the agony of the prophet as he wrestled against the oppressing problems that tormented him. Let's look at these confessions and share some practical lessons.

### 1. An Apologetic Confession. 12:1-6

Spurred on by the inequalities he saw, the prophet boldly pleaded his case. The question that vexed his soul was theological: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the treacherous thrive? Jeremiah felt that they not only thrived but they gained prosperity because God was outright blessing them.

**God's response: Endurance and Separation .**

God didn't address Himself to the prophet directly but to the attitude of the prophet. He needed to endure and separate himself from those who wanted to destroy him and ridicule his message.

### 2. An Anxious Confession. 15:15-18

The prophet urges God to take immediate vengeance on his enemies. He paints a picture of how he has suffered for Yahweh's case. He does not wish death but would remind Yahweh that it was for His sake that he is bearing reproach.

**God's response: Repent .**

God chided the prophet for his undue pessimism and for his nearsighted inability to perceive the ultimate good. Not less commitment, but more was demanded-less self-

pity and more confidence in God's Personal commitment to Jeremiah. Jeremiah needed to repent of his bad attitude.

### **3. A Lament Confession. 17:14-18**

Jeremiah feels sorry for himself in that he has been preaching judgement and it hasn't happened yet. His argument is that if God is going to carry out His word over His people, then he should do it!

#### **God's response: Preach Judgement**

God continues to instruct the prophet to go and preach. He was to proclaim that the people were to keep the Sabbath. It's understood that they were not keeping any of the commandments, but especially the fourth command was targeted.

### **4. A Distress Confession. 18:19-23**

The substance of the previous saying is a verbatim recital of the threats of his enemies. The prophet's enemies were over-confident in their religious advisors: priests, wise men, and prophets. Their teaching, counsel, and advice gave light on the possibilities they wanted to hear. The question still was what to do with Jeremiah. There wasn't room for two opposing voices in the nation of Judah. Since his message was the opposite of the other religious leaders, they were firmly persuaded that Jeremiah must somehow be discredited and silence once and for all. Through this confession/petition the prophet asks Yahweh to give his enemies what they deserve.

#### **God's response: Go and Obey**

God instructed Jeremiah to get back to the task.

### **5. A Pathetic Confession. 20:7-13**

This is one of the most intense confessions we have. The prophet accuses Yahweh of using His great power, His strength, His overwhelming might to overpower him. It is an unequal struggle that causes the prophet to lose credibility. He has become laughable in the eyes of his contemporaries. Everyone mocked him even though he had adopted this course of life and uttered words of doom for Yahweh's sake.

#### **God's response: Silence**

### **6. A Self-Pity Confession. 20:14-14**

Finally in Jeremiah we see the ebb tide of despair. The prophet now laments that he was even conceived, or being conceived, that he had been stillborn. He will not curse or blaspheme Yahweh, but he approximates such when he cursed the day his mother bore him. Not just the day but even the messenger who told his father he has a son.

In his confessions we see the masterpieces of religious experience. Here are some thoughts.

#### **a. Honest Religion**

First, we see honest-to-God religion. He was telling it as it is; it was not counterfeited, feigned, or misrepresented. However painful it is, his words are true, unadulterated, and sincere.

#### **b. Personal Experience**

What Jeremiah was going through was his own personal experience. Whatever others may feel matters little at this point. What he was going through was his own perception.

#### **c. Shared Darkness**

All great religious personalities have experienced darkness, gloom, and pessimistic experiences. In Job 3, Job expresses the wish never to have been and for speedy

annihilation. Even Jesus had moments of deepest sorrow (John 13:21, Matthew 27:46, Hebrews 5:7). It is an integral part of life and not to be lightly criticized.

#### **d. Eventual Healing .**

Cross-bearing, suffering for God's sake, depression, and pessimism are all areas of healing. They give us the opportunity to determine what is and what is not essential, to separate the trivial from the meaningful, and the evil from the good. To appreciate light fully we must know darkness; to cherish health totally we must experience illness; to gain spiritual triumph and victorious living we must pass through the difficult, the unhappy, and the undesired. Nothing will replace the negative as a challenge. If rightly used, its teaching produces the highest education. The profoundest moment of Christ's suffering was on the cross: It was also His highest glory, the center round which the Christian revolves.

### **Conclusion**

How does the Lord respond to our complaints?

1. Sometimes He gives us rest.
2. Sometimes He gives us support of sympathetic people.
3. Sometimes He gives us a kick in the pants.
4. Sometimes He gives us a new understanding of what we're doing wrong.

A tourist was visiting a famous landmark on the ocean and he'd walked out on a pier to see the ocean better. But as he looked over the edge of the pier he was disturbed by how deep the water seemed to be. As he was thinking about how deep the water must be at this point, he noticed an old man fishing off the pier, and he went over to him and asked: "If I were to fall into this water, would I drown?"

The old man smiled and said "Nah. Falling into the water isn't what drowns people. It's staying UNDER the water that drowns them."

Can you fall so far down you can't get up?" In other words, "Can you mess up your life so badly that you can't undo the damage?" The answer from Scripture is ... Yes. You can mess things up so badly you can't undo the damage. And the answer from Scripture is ... No. You can't mess things up so badly you can't undo the damage.

Sound confusing? The Bible teaches us that you can drown in your sin. But it isn't the falling into sin that will drown you ... it's the staying under that will do that.

In reality, we can tell the Lord our troubles. But we must be willing to obey when He speaks.

### ***Tell The Lord Your Troubles!***

### ***Sin Is Sin***

There was once a fiery preacher who often spoke on the subject of sin. He minced no words, but defined sin as "that abominable thing that God hates."

Some of the members of in his congregation came to him and urged him to tone down his sermons. They said: "We wish you would not speak so plainly about sin. Call it something else. Call it an 'inhibition,' or 'an error' or a 'mistake,' or even 'a twist in our nature.'"

"Oh," replied the preacher, "I think I know what you mean."

He took them down to the church kitchen, reached under the sink and drew out a bottle of cleaning liquid which had a skull and cross bones on it.

"What you would have me do is put another label on this bottle. You'd want me to not call it poison, but something more pleasant ... like lemonade. But that's not going to happen. When God calls something sin, evil, depraved or an abomination, I will call it by no other name."

The Bible is "Good News," but there is poison in this world that the many want to pretend won't hurt us. God cannot give us the good news of Christ's love and salvation if we ignore the dangers of those poisons. But if we LISTEN to God - if we realize that God saved us to avoid

sin - then the good news is that He will change our lives.

Years ago, there was a minister named Bryan who told how his brother had been a man who would have nothing to do with church. He preferred to "enjoy" life, to party, and to drink... and drink... and drink. He was a salesman for a company called **84 Lumber**.

One day, as Bryan's brother was in a fast food restaurant, he saw seedy looking man in a long black trench coat come through the door. And the tramp walked right over to his table. "Oh great," he thought, "He wants a handout." But instead, the stranger asked "Can I give you something?" Taken back, Bryan's brother said "sure."

The stranger reached into his trench coat, and took out a Bible and said "Read this." It was a "witness" Bible with page numbers marked in it. It started with the inside cover and instructed the reader to turn to page 25. And there on that page would be a Scripture highlighted with a short explanation in the column, and at the bottom of the page would these words: "Turn to page ..." and on that page there'd be another Scripture outlined and another instruction to turn to another page. These are designed to lead a person to understand how to become a Christian.

Quietly, Bryan's brother took the Bible. Later, at home, as he turned from one page to another he became convicted. But it was the final reference that shook him. It was found on page 84 of the Bible - and he himself worked at **84 Lumber**. It was I Corinthians 6:9-11. He was so shaken by that that he put down the Bible, walked over to the kitchen cabinet where he kept his bottles of alcohol and poured it all down the drain. He started going to church, and he became a Christian. And he never touched another drop of alcohol again.

The Good News of Scripture is that God loves us and made us in His image. But that image has been so tarnished by our sin that God reached down into our lives. He sent Jesus to live amongst us and to die for our sins and rise from the dead so that we might become His children and have the promise of an eternity with Him. That message is written on every page. Are you convicted by your sin? Have you surrendered your life to the Good News of Jesus Christ?

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

## *You are Cordially Invited...*

### *"30 years of Faithful Service"*

Please help us celebrate Brother Allan and Ellen Lane's  
30 years of faithful service to Calvary Baptist Church.

**Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 2:00pm**

There will be a cake and punch reception to follow.

#### Schedule of Events:

- ♦ Sunday School at 9:30am
- ♦ Worship Service at 10:30am
- ♦ Carry-In Meal immediately following the worship service.

- ♦ Service Honoring Allan and Ellen Lane at 2:00pm
- ♦ Cake and punch reception immediately following this service.
- (Allan and Ellen would be blessed by any note or card regarding a special event, words of encouragement, or a favorite memory that has been meaningful to you.)

## Opportunities For Service

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

#### Sunday, March 8, 2020

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Fred Kerns, Dillon Burgess, Don Sharp, Gary Yarbrough

Alternate: Joe Coats

January Bible Study ..... Noon

No Evening Worship ...6:30 pm

#### Wednesday, March 11

Prayer Warriors 10:00 am

Prayer and Bible Study

#### Sunday, March 15, 2020

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Bill Schottel, Joe Coats, George Burgess, Ken Nice

Alternate: Gary Yarbrough

Evening Worship .....6:30 pm

#### Wednesday, March 18

Prayer and Bible Study... 6:30 pm

## GROW Team

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

### Sunday Night

We will not have Sunday Night service tonight.

Today, right after our worship service we will have another January Bible Study.

Plan to stay after the morning worship service for lunch and Bible Study.

### Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We are enjoying our study entitled "The New Testament You Never Knew." It's not too late to join. Won't you please attend and pray for the direction of our church?

*January Bible Study today,*

*March 8, 2020*

*Immediately after morning worship with Lasagna lunch provided.*

## **Prayer Warriors**

10:00 am

March 11, 2020

## **Luncheon and Business Meeting**

Next Sunday, March 15, immediately following morning worship service.

### **It's Been a Year!!**

**One year ago today, Romey Keith Davis stepped in as worship leader. Thank you so much for how you serve the Lord and lead us in worship.**

## **Apple Fest Planning Meeting**

March 14, 2020

10:30am

First Baptist Church  
Weston, MO

This is to benefit the Missouri Baptist Children's Home

\*For more information please contact Brother Allan.

**(Apple Fest is scheduled for September 19, 2020 at the Platte County Fair Grounds in Platte City, MO.)**

### ***For the Record***

#### **Attendance: March 1, 2020**

Sunday School.....	27
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	27
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	47
Sunday Night .....	6
January Bible Study.....	N/A
Children's Worship .....	9
Wednesday Night .....	6

#### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,286.39  
Offering Received ... \$ 4,171.00  
Long Family – February \$ 270.00

#### **Offering Received by Mail:**

Eric and Shelly Thompson

#### **March Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and Mike Green

## **March Van Driver:**

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747 **before 8 am** if you need a ride.

## **March Member Birthdays:**

01...Ken Nice  
05...Sharon Yarbrough  
13...Tim Ford  
16...Don Sharp  
16...Aleana Lane  
27...Jim Winans

## **March Anniversaries**

Fred and Linda Kerns  
March 14, 1969

## ***Prayer Requests ...***

LoLeta Middleton  
John Lewis—cancer treatment  
Nancy Baker— Bro. Allan's sister  
Linda Huff—Good Report!  
Jimmy Davis—migraine treatment  
Nellie Reynolds  
Melinda Johnson—leukemia treatment  
Jack Conard, Jr.—stroke recovery  
Jim and Brigida Winans-Jim is home  
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister  
Gary Hurst—cancer  
Donnie Rima—Ellen's brother  
Mike Green—strength and recovery  
Jack and Flo Conard  
Sharon Russell—George's sister  
June Fritchle  
Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys  
Romey Keith Davis—Music  
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings  
Arlette Duty—strength  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
Chuck and Gloria Stewart  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack—guidance  
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister  
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim  
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son  
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister  
Doris Richardson      Elmer Mayse  
Kevin Duty      Tim Izer  
Bill Dunn      Shirley Wilson  
Ann Riddle      Kenny Duty  
Keon McKahan      Buddy Means  
Jozy Winans      Curtis Conard  
Pat Means      Seth Long  
Bill & Juanita      Brenda Burgess  
Pat Puckett      Sharri Duty  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
Our Nation and Leaders

Our Military Service Women and Men

Terrorism in our world

**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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