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SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Of Princeton, New Jersey

Jesus Christ

For by Him were all things created,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,
and by Him all things consist.
- Colossians 1:16-17

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
11:00 AM Morning Service
Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 a.m. Bible Study

Short Break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymns

Sin is the great block and bar to our happiness, the procurer of all miseries to man, both here and hereafter: take away sin and nothing can hurt us: for death, temporal, spiritual, and eternal, is the wages of it. John Bunyan

THE JUDGMENT COMMANDED

Psalm 7:6-9

David was being hounded by raging enemies of God—wicked king Saul and all his wicked cronies (Ps 7:6). The judgment God had commanded was for David to be king over Israel. When David would take the throne of Israel, King David would put down the reign of wicked Saul and his men. King David would bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem, establishing true worship in Jerusalem for the children of Israel. King David would bring the children into the peace of the righteous and just reign of the true and living God. All of this King David would do for the children of God when he was exalted to the throne. So it would be that the people would compass God about. So David asks for their sakes for God to command the judgment God had purposed from the beginning for him (Ps 7:7).

Now see in all that, King Jesus. When Christ walked this earth he was hounded by Satan and wicked self-righteous, religious men who loved a form of religion, but hated God. This was his prayer (Ps 7:6). The judgment God had commanded was for Christ his Son to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself then rise to the throne of glory, King of kings and Lord of lords (Jer 23:5-6). Christ petitions the LORD based on his promise—*the judgment thou hast commanded*.

Christ Was Heard

Having highly glorified God by satisfying divine justice, having made his people the righteousness of God in him, Christ was heard (Phil 2:9-11).

When Christ took the throne in heavenly Jerusalem King Jesus put down the reign of wicked Satan and his wicked men. King Jesus, the one represented by the ark, came back into heavenly Jerusalem, establishing true worship for the children of Israel. King Jesus sends forth his ambassadors and by the power of the Holy Spirit Christ receives the glory for bringing every elect child of God into the peace of the righteous and just reign of the true and living God.

Christ's prayer was not only for himself but for his people (Ps 7:7). God's true Israel, the elect of God, chosen unto salvation in Christ Jesus before the world began, are the congregation of the people. They are brought to congregate together with one another by King Jesus putting away their sin, defeating our enemy and ruling over his kingdom in righteous judgment to bring each one to himself (1 Pet 3:18; Jn 12:32; Eph 4:10-16). *His* people congregate from the four corners of the earth into the local assemblies our King has assembled, the church over which Christ is Head, where he feeds us through his gospel in spirit and in truth from his high throne of grace in heavenly Zion (Jer 17:12; Rev 5:10; 19:16; Is 9:7). So it is that the congregation of God's elect compass God about (Ps 6:7).

The Rage of Mine Enemies (Ps 7:6-8)

Satan and self-righteous religious men set themselves in the judgment seat of God, judging Christ and his disciples. They attempted to find unrighteousness in Christ and to smear his holy character (Luke 6:7; 7:39; 15:2; 20:20). I would not be surprised in our day if those who hate the gospel paid men to disguise themselves in an attempt to find something in our words to accuse us, or use email or phone conversations to try to find something to use against us.

Beware brethren, the enemies of Christ labor to make their case against the Lord and his people (Ps 7:14). Instead of traveling to hear the good news till Christ be formed in them they travail with iniquity to find fault in another to justify their refusal to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. The main reason the enemies of Christ tried to find something with which to charge Christ was to justify themselves

before the people for rejecting God, rejecting his Word, and rejecting his followers, even as they did David in his day and do today. So it is they are pregnant with mischief. But though the enemies of Christ lay traps, they are fallen into their own trap (Ps 7:15). God shall arise in anger against his enemies and though the enemy of Christ would give himself a crown yet all his mischief comes down upon his own head (Ps 7:16).

Brethren, when the enemy rages, ask Christ, to whom all judgment has been committed, to arise to the judgment he has commanded for his own sake and for his congregation (1 Pet 4:19). He shall save us!

It is absolutely impossible for any sinner to preach the gospel unless God sends him for *“how shall they preach, except they be sent?”* (Rom 10:15) God is pleased to save by preaching so God who cannot lie promises, *“I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding”* (Jer 3:15). Where ever God has one of his lost sheep, God emboldens his messenger like he did Paul at Corinth when he said, *“I have much people in this city. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them”* (Acts 18:10, 11). If the Lord has a Lydia from Thyatira he can bring her to Philippi and forbid his servant from preaching in Asia, direct his steps to that child as he did Paul who said, *“assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them”* (Acts 16:10). If the Lord has an Ethiopian to call out God will cross his path with the gospel by directing one of his Philip's by saying, *“Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.”* (Acts 8:26) The reason it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe is to the glory of Christ Jesus, the Word, the Power and Wisdom of God as well as to stain the pride of the wise and prudent, *“because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”* (1Co 1:25) Men who can willfully disregard the hearing of God's own Son's holy honor proclaimed in truth through the foolishness of preaching are also prone to disregard searching the scriptures themselves to see the truth of God's righteousness in his Son. When sinners have a heart problem with one thing that pleases God they generally have a problem with everything that pleases God.