



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, October 27, 2024

“The Bible is primarily about God, not you.”

- David Powlison, *Understanding Scripture*

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude **Glen Harper**

Special Music

Hymn **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (2)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Scripture Reading **Revelation 7:9-17**

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and wor-

shipped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn All People That on Earth Do Dwell (18)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, you know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (53)

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,

The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

Scripture Reading Genesis 49:1-28

49 Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come. ²"Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father. ³"Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. ⁴Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch! ⁵"Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords. ⁶Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen. ⁷Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. ⁸"Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. ⁹Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? ¹⁰The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. ¹¹Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. ¹²His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk. ¹³"Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon. ¹⁴"Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. ¹⁵He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor. ¹⁶"Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁷Dan shall be a

serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward. ¹⁸I wait for your salvation, O Lord. ¹⁹"Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels. ²⁰"Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies. ²¹"Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns. ²²"Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. ²³The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, ²⁴yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), ²⁵by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. ²⁶The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers. ²⁷"Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil." ²⁸All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him.

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon **Dr. Blair Waddell**

'Twelve brothers, twelve tribes' Genesis 49:1-28

Hymn **The Solid Rock (381)**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;

Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'Twelve brothers, twelve tribes' Genesis 49:1-28

- I. What this is- a poetic, prophetic blessing
- II. What this says-
 - a. Introduction
 - b. The Twelve Sons
 - i. **Wife Leah's Sons**
 - 1. Reuben (Genesis 35:22)
 - 2. Simeon & Levi (Joshua 19:1-9; Numbers 3:5-13)
 - 3. Judah (Revelation 5:5-13)
 - 4. Zebulun (Joshua 19:10-11; 1 Chronicles 12:33)
 - 5. Issachar (Judges 6:35)
 - ii. **Concubine Bilhah's 1st Son- Dan**
 - iii. **Concubine Zilpah's Sons**
 - 1. Gad
 - 2. Asher (Joshua 19:24-31)
 - iv. **Concubine Bilhah's 2nd Son- Naphtali (Judges 4 :6-10)**
 - v. **Wife Rachel's Sons**
 - 1. Joseph (Ephraim & Manasseh)
 - 2. Benjamin
 - c. Conclusion
- III. What this means-
 - a. Confidence in God's Sovereignty & His Word
 - b. The Inclusive Blessing
 - c. The Seed of the Church
 - d. A Hope Beyond Canaan

K Group Questions for October 30

- 1. Why is it important to know this passage is both poetic and prophetic?
- 2. Would you assume God was done with Reuben, Simeon, and Levi based upon these words? Why or why not?
- 3. What stands out about Judah? What makes him significantly different from

- his brothers?
4. How are those outside the nation of Israel included in the covenant? Why is this point needful after celebrating Reformation Sunday?
 5. The blessing comes from Jacob, but how do you see God at work through these words?

Announcements

Weekly Happenings ...

Mondays	Ladies Bible Study @ 6:00PM – Giselle Crooks' Home
Wednesdays	K Groups @ 6:00PM – Host Homes
Thursdays	Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30AM – Fellowship Hall

The Children's Ministry has an urgent need to immediately fill three Sunday School helper (*not teacher*) positions:

- Bed Babies
- 1 & 2-year-old Toddlers Class
- 3 & 4-year-old Class

If you are interested or have any questions regarding these needs, please contact Ric (256-479-5078) or Giselle (256-919-6255) Crooks. Thank you!

Postpartum Support Group – *Please let the Host know if you plan to attend*

- October 28 @ 9:30AM – Allison Smitherman (205-242-1744)
- November 4 @ 9:30AM – Ellie Milby (256-348-6184)
- November 18 @ 9:30AM – Jessica Kirkland (256-698-6624)

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Sunday, November 3 – *Fall Back!*

International Day of Prayer (IDOP) – Sunday, November 3

November 3 begins a month of prayer for the persecuted church around the world. Prayer cards are in the foyer. For more information visit Voices of the Martyrs @ <https://www.persecution.com/idop/>

Jim Milby Memorial Building Fund Offering – Sunday, November 3

When the church decided to build our education wing, we made a concerted effort to focus on paying off the building debt with a special collection twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Throughout the month of November, we will be taking up a special offering to pay down that debt called the 'Jim Milby Memorial Building Fund' in honor of his passion for exhorting the body to make paying off that debt a priority. *If you would like to contribute, please mark your giving as 'Jim Milby Fund'. Every bit helps and is appreciated.*

Election Day – Tuesday, November 5 – OFFICE CLOSED

PBC is a polling location and, due to the expected heavy turnout, the office will be closed.

Upcoming Events ...

October 28 Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM

November 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends – <i>Fall Back!</i>
November 3	International Day of Prayer (IDOP)
November 3	Jim Milby Memorial Building Fund Offering
November 4	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM
November 5	Election Day – OFFICE CLOSED
November 5	Elders Meeting
November 9	Ladies Book Discussion Group @ 9:15AM
November 18	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM
November 19	Elders Meeting
November 20	Last K Group Meeting
November 28-29	Thanksgiving – OFFICE CLOSED