

Sermon Notes

"Wickedness Entrenched"
1 Kings 16:29-17:1

1. Introduction: Wickedness Entrenched (1 Kings 16:29)

2. Crisis: Ahab's Wickedness and the Word of the Lord (1 Kings 16:30-34a)

- Wickedness Against God's Lineage
- Wickedness Against God's Lordship
- Wickedness Against God's Land

3. Resolution: The Word of the Lord Fulfilled (1 Kings 16:34b-17:1)

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Kenneth (Stick) Haun, Michael Herbert, Paul Müller, and Westray Nowlin

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: TESSA SYDNOR

Tessa is a missionary serving with Teach Beyond as a member care representative. Following a two-year apprenticeship in Germany, she relocated to Lynchburg to begin her ministry work to Teach Beyond missionaries. She and her team are in regular contact with Teach Beyond missionaries to encourage and equip them as they serve all over the world. Tessa is currently writing a curriculum on the spiritual disciplines that incorporates her love for art. Pray that God would help her complete that project and that it would be used to bless those who receive it. If you'd like to receive a copy, reach out to Tessa at tessa.sydnor@gmail.com.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you may share that need through the Rivermont website at rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Join us for dinner and Bible studies on Wednesday nights beginning January 26, 2022.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont class starting January 16 at 9:45 am. Register at rivermont.org/gtkr.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:45 am College Hour (CO House)
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, January 17

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)

Tuesday, January 18

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 19

9:00 am Preschool

Thursday, January 20

9:30 am Oasis Women's Bible Study
10:00 am Community Bible Study

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:45 am College Hour (CO House)
9:45 am Youth Bake Sale (Cheatham Center)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 16, 2022

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Most holy God, Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us Your people. In Christ's holy name. Amen

PRELUDE:

"The Savior is Waiting"

Miriam Amos, piano

Carmichael, arr. Wilson

The Savior is waiting to enter your heart,
Why don't you let Him come in?
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart;
What is your answer to Him?

Time after time He has waited before,
And now He is waiting again
To see if you're willing to open the door,
Oh, how He wants to come in!

If you'll take one step toward the Savior, my friend,
You'll find His arms open wide.
Receive Him, and all of your darkness will end;
Within your heart He'll abide.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 32 (responsively)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

Whose sin is covered.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,

And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God Be the Glory"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 53:5; Colossians 1:4

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vv. 1 & 3)

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 16:29-17:1 (page 298)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Wickedness Entrenched"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Praise and Glory to the Father"

REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison):

Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. Amen.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"Postlude in G Major"

Handel, arr. Setchell

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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