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SUNDAY

[Live Streaming \(Audio and Video\)](#)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 104](#) (Adam)

Call to Worship: 'Jesus the Glorious Head of Grace'

Scripture Reading: [Deuteronomy 15](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 334- 'Be Thou My Vision'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 6:19-23](#) (David)

Message: '*Slaves to Righteousness*'

Hymn # 209- 'Grace Greater Than Our Sin'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies on the Names and Titles of Jesus in Scripture

FRIDAY

7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi)

10:00 AM- Bible Study in French

SATURDAY

8:00 AM- Fellowship in Christ

SUNDAY

7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi)

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Radio Broadcasts every Sunday Morning (CST):

9:00 KWKH AM Radio 1130, Shreveport, LA area or LIVE streaming @ <http://1130thetiger.com/listen-live>

Call to Worship

(Tune: 'Doxology')

Jesus, the Glorious Head of Grace,
Knows every saint's peculiar case.
What sorrows by their souls are borne!
And how for sin they daily mourn.

He knows how deep their groanings are,
And what their secret sighs declare.
And, for their comfort, has expressed
That all such mourning souls are blessed.

They're blessed on earth, for 'tis by Grace,
They see and know their mournful case.
Blessed mourners! They shall shortly rise,
To endless comfort in the skies.

There all their mourning days shall cease,
And they be filled with Joy and Peace.
Comforts endless they shall prove,
And dwell forever in His love.

Dear LORD, may I a mourner be,
Over my sins and after Thee.
And when my mourning days are o're,
Enjoy Thy comforts evermore.

Both Made One

“For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.”

[\(Ephesians 2:14\)](#)

The idea that national Israel still holds a favored son status in God's purpose of salvation runs contrary to the clear testimony of Scripture. The very core message of God's Word is that God has preserved Israel in His covenant mercies in order to bring His Son Jesus Christ from her midst to accomplish salvation for His True Israel [elect sinners from every nation: [Romans 9:4-8](#)]. That being done, Christ has, by His ONE SACRIFICE, not only put away all the sin of His people forever [Jew and Gentile] having justified us by His shed blood and imputed righteousness but also forever removed any distinction between us as regards race and privilege, [Galatians 3:28](#).

Ken Wimer

God's Bethel

“Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there...”

[\(Genesis 35:1\)](#)

After years of exile, the LORD purposed to bring Jacob back to the place where He had some 20 years earlier revealed Himself unto him, [Genesis 28:16-19](#). Although it would prove to be a place of continued trial and heartache for him yet God had ordained it as a resting place for there it was that he had erected an altar unto the LORD, a type of the sacrifice of our LORD Jesus.

If you are one of the LORD's sheep, no matter how long you have lived in this life's journey, the LORD must and will bring you again to worship Him in the Way He first revealed Himself to you as Truth. Consider when the LORD first opened your eyes to Christ. Where was it He caused you to look? Was it not outside you to the Glorious Savior, Redeemer and Substitute? And if ever in life's busyness and earthly pursuits you wander from the Truth, being a child of God, the Loving Father must chasten you, for *“...whom the LORD LOVES, He chastens.”* ([Hebrews 12:6](#)) Such chastening is designed with one purpose. Is it not to drive you as God's child back to the only place of refuge and salvation we have, which is the blood and righteousness of the LORD Jesus?

The evidence that Jacob was the LORD's and led by the Spirit is that he obeyed God's command to dwell there in Bethel (*the house of God*), a type of our LORD Jesus. Note briefly three characteristics of one who is so led by the Spirit of Grace.

1.) **REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD, [Gen. 35:2](#)**: "***Jacob said unto his household...put away the strange gods that are among you...***" Where God draws the heart to Christ there is a renouncing of every false way, owning the ONE TRUE and LIVING GOD ALONE.

2.) **SUBMITTING TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST, [Gen. 35:2](#)**: "***Be clean, and change your garment.***" It does not say, 'cleanse yourself' but **BE clean**. In this, the sinner is passive. God must do the cleansing. There is also a changing of garments which is casting away all works of self-righteousness and submitting exclusively to the garment of righteousness that the LORD Jesus established and God the Father accepted and imputed at the cross, [Romans 10:1-4](#); [2 Cor. 5:21](#).

3.) **WORSHIPPING GOD IN THE SACRIFICE OF HIS SON, [Gen. 35:3](#)**: "***I will make there an altar unto God.***" By faith he was looking forward to the death of the LORD Jesus on his behalf. All who are drawn to Christ by the Spirit of Truth will worship Him in the Truth of God's complete satisfaction with those for whom Christ died when He died. As with Jacob, looking to the death of the LORD Jesus that He would accomplish when He came many thousands of years later, we as sinners having been drawn now by His effectual grace also find comfort in knowing that He has justified all the elect at one time, in one place with one sacrifice when He died, [Hebrews 9:15](#).

What a REST there is in Him because of His finished work at Calvary! Thank God for His Spirit Who has so directed us to Christ Crucified, even as He did Jacob.

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Espoused to Christ

Thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name. [Isa. 54:5](#)

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. [Eph. 5:32](#)

Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken but thou shalt be called Hephzibah....for the LORD delighteth in thee. And as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. [Isa. 62:4-5](#)

*He hath sent me...to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. [Isa. 61:1-3](#)*

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;
for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation....as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments,
and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. [Isa. 61:10](#)*

*I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness,
and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. [Hos. 2:19](#)*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [Rom. 8:35](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Not By Chance

Chance has nothing to do with death! Not the outcast infant of a day old exposed by its unnatural mother to perish by the tiger or the vulture; nor even the sparrow that dies of hunger in its nest passes out of life without the knowledge of God. Our LORD Jesus declared, ***“Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”*** ([Revelation 1:17-18](#)) ***What*** consolation there is in this sublime declaration! The key of death is never for a moment entrusted out of His hands and never can be wrested from them! Every time a human being dies, it is by an act of His power, in turning the key which unlocks the gates of death! Our life is under the constant and strict observation of His omniscient eye! He determines the moment when to take the key from His belt and throw the portals of immortality back on their mighty hinges! O, what comfort does this impart to us in reference to our own lives: to know that exposed as we are to all the ‘accidents and diseases of this ‘world of changes’ and enveloped as we are in darkness as to the consequences of the next step and the events of the next hour that we cannot die by a random stroke or by a blind chance! The key of death must be turned by Him Who is infinitely wise and powerful and good! ***“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.”*** ([Deuteronomy 32:39](#))

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