

WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

March 13, 2016

Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!

Prelude

Worship Theme

God is Glorious

Exodus 40:34-37: "Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up."

God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross Ps. 29:1-2

+We Adore Him

Hymn #103, "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

We Confess Our Sin

Our great God and glorious King, we confess that by nature, we are your enemies: hostile to Your law, rebellious against Your authority, unable and unwilling to please You, ungrateful for Your mercies, and unworthy of Your love. And even now as Your redeemed children, the remnants of this former corruption spring up daily in deeds of unbelief and disobedience. Forgive us, cleanse us, and make us faithful subjects and sons not for our sakes, but for Jesus' sake. That through this work and the Spirit's power, we might live to the praise of Your glory. Through the comfort afforded us by the Lamb, Amen.

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #55, "To God Be The Glory"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication Col. 3:1-4

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Hymn #125, "Let All Things Now Living"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship

Jn. 4:39-40

We Read His Word

Sermon

*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #98, "Now Thank We All Our God"

God Blesses us in the Benediction

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.

The Powerful Message of Easter: A Message of Judgment

Matthew 27:45-54

Study notes for March 13, 2016

I. Introduction: there is more to this world than meets the eye (Ex. 12:12b; Hos. 1:6; Rom. 1:20)...

II. The Powerful Message of Easter, Mt. 27:45-54.

A. A Message of Judgment, Mt. 27:45.

Darkness Details Part I (v. 45)...

How widespread was the darkness?

What caused it?

Why did it occur?

...in light of the nuance of “darkness” in Scripture, we conclude that the darkness represented nothing less than Divine judgment!...

Ex. 10:21-22

Is. 5:30

Is 13:10-11

Joel 2:2

Amos 5:20

Zeph. 1:14-15

2 Pet. 2:4

Jude 6

Mt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30

Amos 8:9-10

...as we inquire into the significance of the darkness that accompanied Christ's death, we conclude that from the perspective of Scripture it represented nothing less than the judgment of God. As Christ hung on the cross in darkness God was pronouncing His judgment on this wicked and adulterous world!

Darkness Denials- that of...

Blind Ignorance (1 Thes. 5:2-3)!

Contempt for God and His judgment (2 Pet. 3:4)!

An Unbelievable Callousness (Rev. 6:16-17)!

Darkness Details Part II (Mt. 20:28; 26:28; Mk. 10:45; Gal. 3:13; Is. 53:6; 2 Cor. 5:21)...

Hendriksen wrote, "Hell came to Calvary that day, and the Savior descended [fully] into it and bore its horrors **in our stead.**" (*Matthew*. NYC. emphasis mine. p. 970).

The Response of the Sinner (Rom. 10:9-10; Jn. 3:36)

The Response of the One Forgiven

Prayer and Weeping (Mt. 9:36-38)

Praise

Assurance (Jer. 29:11)

A Life of Self-Denial and Service (2 Pet. 3:11-12a; Lk. 9:23)

Amy Carmichael wrote, "Lord crucified, O mark Thy holy cross on motive, preference, all fond desires; on that which self in any form inspires set Thou that sign of loss. ¶ And when the touch of death is here and there laid on a thing most precious in our eyes, let us not wonder, let us recognize the answer to this prayer."