

Sunday Morning Worship

July 21, 2024



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Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Baby Dedication Commitments

To the parents:

Do you agree to regularly seek after God in His word, thru prayer, and gathering together with the people of God in an effort to honor God as a spouse and a parent? Do you with God's help, commit to diligently teach the truths of God's word to your children, to speak of them in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise? Will you regularly pray *for* your children, pray *with* your children, and make clear the way of salvation to them by teaching them the good news of Jesus Christ? Will you with God's help seek to be an example to your children to follow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? If so, please say **we do**?

To those who are members of this church:

In recognizing that we are a church *family*, do you commit to helping these parents by praying for them and their children, being an example to them in word and deed? Do you commit to teaching and seeking the salvation of these little ones in appropriate ways? If so church family, please say **we do**.

Call to Worship — Lamentations 3:19-24 (ESV)

¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!

²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive

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## **Verse 1:**

Do you feel the world is broken? We do  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do  
But do you know that all the dark  
Won't stop the light  
from getting through? We do  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?  
We do

## **Verse 2:**

Is all creation groaning? It is  
Is a new creation coming? It is  
Is the glory of the Lord  
To be the light within our midst? It is  
Is it good that we  
remind ourselves of this? It is

## **Chorus 1:**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah  
who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is!

## **Verse 3:**

Does the Father truly love us? He does  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does  
And does Jesus, our Messiah,  
Hold forever those He loves? He does  
Does our God intend  
to dwell again with us? He does

## **Chorus 2:**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah  
who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave  
From ev'ry people and tribe  
every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom  
and priests to God to reign with the Son  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this? He is

# O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff

## Verse 1:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

## Verse 2:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

## Verse 3:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

## Scripture Reading — Psalm 2:1-12 (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed,  
saying,  
<sup>3</sup> "Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us."  
<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.  
<sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
<sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."  
<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;

- today I have begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your  
heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's ves-  
sel."  
<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.  
<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## Sermon Notes

### **“Seven Bowls of Wrath” :: Revelation 15:1-16:21**

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Where Shall I Be?

Charles Jones

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## **Chorus:**

O where shall I be  
When the first trumpet sounds,  
O where shall I be  
When it sounds so loud?  
When it sounds so loud  
As to wake up the dead,  
O where shall I be  
When it sounds?

## **Verse 1:**

When judgement day is drawing nigh,  
Where shall I be?  
When God the works of men shall try,  
Where shall I be?  
When east and west the fire shall roll,  
Where shall I be?  
How will it be with my poor soul;  
Where shall i be?

## **Verse 2:**

When wicked men His wrath shall see,  
Where shall I be?  
And to the rocks and mountains flee,  
Where shall I be?  
When hills and mountains flee away,  
Where shall I be?  
When all the works of man decay,  
Where shall I be?

## **Verse 3:**

When heaven and earth  
As some great scroll,  
Where shall I be?  
Shall from God's holy presence roll,  
Where shall I be?  
When all the saints  
Redeemed shall stand,  
Where shall I be?  
Forever blest at God's right hand  
Where shall I be?

## **Verse 4:**

All trouble done, all conflict past,  
Where shall I be?  
Our enemy o'ercome at last,  
Where shall I be?  
When Christ shall reign  
From shore to shore,  
Where shall I be?  
And peace abide forever more,  
Where shall I be?

## This Week at First Baptist Church

### **Sunday, July 21**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12noon Starting Point Seminar  
12noon Hospitality Team Meeting

### **Monday, July 22**

### **Tuesday, July 23**

### **Wednesday, July 24**

### **Thursday, July 25**

10:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast Fellowship

### **Friday, July 26**

### **Saturday, July 27**

8:00 AM Church Clean-Up Day

### **Sunday, July 28**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, July 21**

Starting Point Seminar

*(An afternoon seminar for those interested in church membership.  
Light lunch is served. Contact the church office to register  
or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)*

### **Wednesday, August 7**

6:30pm — Church Prayer Meeting

### **Sunday, September 8**

12noon — Church Members' Meeting



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of July 21

### **Prayer of the week:**

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:12 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to give thanks to God for the work He has done in the brothers and sisters in Christ in our church family.

*"we have not ceased to pray for you... giving thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. "*

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

### **Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

### **Prayer items outside our church:**

- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)

- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

#### **Particular prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Pray that God would help our church family use the summer season for unique opportunities of evangelism, to build each other up, and to love one another well (Rom. 12:9-21)
- Pray that God brings good spiritual fruit in the lives of our children and students as a result of recent Youth Summer Trip (June 24-28) and Vacation Bible School (July 8-12). (Gal 5:22-23)
- Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (John 13:34-35)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Family of Bob Copeland (died July 10), Chris Guerra (military deployment), Lucie Lowe, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker**

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

# Announcements

**1. Interested in Church Membership? Attend the Starting Point Seminar — TODAY.** This seminar-style meeting following the worship service is open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. A light lunch will be served. Join us in rooms 120-125 following the worship service (approximately 11:45a—2:30p).

**2. Hospitality Team Meeting — TODAY.** There will be a brief meeting of the Hospitality Team immediately following the worship service today in room 115. Lunch will be provided.

**3. “The Treasure Principle” Book Available on Bookstall for \$3.** We invite each household to purchase a copy of “The Treasure Principle” by Randy Alcorn (only \$3) at the Bookstall in preparation for our August sermon series. Here’s an excerpt from the book: “Jesus spent more time talking about money and possessions than about heaven and hell combined. But too often we’ve overlooked or misunderstood his most profound teaching on this topic, from his words in Matthew 6. Jesus offers us life-changing investment advice. He actually wants us to store up treasures for ourselves—just not here on earth. Instead, he urges us to store our treasure in heaven, where they will await us, and last forever. We can’t take it with us—but we can send it on ahead!”

**4. DayBreak “Back to School Carnival” Volunteers Needed.** Our friends at Mercy of Christ Fellowship and DayBreak Inc. are looking for volunteers to help serve at their annual Back to School Carnival in Lincoln Heights on August 3 from 11am—3pm.



Games, food, and essential school supplies will be provided free of charge to the community with the aim of sharing the gospel, embracing under-resourced communities, and strengthening family bonds. Scan the QR code or click the link for more info and to [register](#) to volunteer.

**5. Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- [online](#): click the link or scan the QR code,
- [in-person](#): place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
- [by mail](#): send to the church office.



Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.

## Digital Communication Card



Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.



# Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 15:1-16:21](#)

"Seven Bowls of Wrath" – July 21, 2024



## Introduction

What is your heart's response to the Bible's teaching of God's judgment or His wrath? Do you see it as something that is good or bad? Is it a truth that you are thankful for or embarrassed by?

God's wrath is not an out-of-control rage from wounded pride. It isn't a divine temper tantrum. It is a strong and settled opposition to all that is evil that arises out of His very nature. It is a burning zeal for what is right coupled with a hatred for what is evil.

Some will curse God for His judgment. Those in Heaven will praise Him for His judgment. Why is that? What do the heavenly residents see? Why can we praise God for His judgment this morning?

## Sermon Outline

1. God's judgment sets us free from the judgment of others. 15:1-4
2. God's judgment sets the record straight. 15:5-8
3. God's judgment vindicates those who have suffered injustice. 16:1-11
4. God's judgment highlights God's love. 16:12-21

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read 15:1-4

In this text, John will use the Old Testament template of the plagues in Egypt that led to the exodus to point toward a second exodus. These bowls focus on the end of history and escalate in intensity. God's people were slaves in Egypt for 400 years. ([Genesis 15:13-16](#)) He finally sends Moses to lead His people out of slavery. The ten plagues we see in Exodus are a "showdown" with one of gods of Egypt. It is really a "smack down" because God is shown to be the One true God. Salvation of God's people came through judgment of the Egyptians.

The beast harasses and kills Christians. That might seem like a defeat, but vs. 2 shows the opposite. They have conquered. In chapter 14, judgment for the wicked was unbearable, but God's people have passed through. If you are trusting in Jesus, you WILL conquer the beast. Jesus' victory is our victory! What is an appropriate response to knowing that we are victorious with Jesus and will make it to the end, loved and safe? What are some songs that remind you of this victory?

Jesus' death and resurrection means that Satan has been cast down already. Our enemy is a defeated foe. Why should we fear him? Some people want to get rid of or ignore God's judgment. Without God as Judge - everyone is judge. Instead of freedom, we are paralyzed by what others think of us. These would be tyrannical standards that are impossible to live by. God's judgment sets us free from the fear of man. ([1 Corinthians 4:3-4](#))

What those in heaven see clearly, we see faintly. We gather to remind ourselves of Who God is and that it is His opinion that matters. We can rest in that.

**Additional Reading:** Exodus 3-4

### 2. Read 15:5-8

The bowls of God's wrath come from "the sanctuary of the tent of witness." It is where God's presence was in the tabernacle or the temple in the Old Testament and where the tablets with the ten commandments were housed. God's law reveals who He created us to be and warns the wicked. We are made in God's image, but our tendency is to make Him in our image, assuming that God is "ok" with our sin. We confuse God's patience that leads to repentance with approval. Sin has deceived us.

God sets the record straight with His judgment. We will be held accountable for our sin which is more offensive, destructive, and wicked than we imagine it to be. However, the lies of Satan will not have the final word. Have you considered the gravity of sin? Have you reflected on God's perfect holiness? God's judgment is an expression of His holiness, billowing out on the earth and refining what is wicked.

Sin makes the world feel unsafe and ruined. As God's judgment leaves the temple in these bowls and light dispels darkness, His judgments will cleanse the world of evil and darkness. He will be our temple.

We see this, but hard things happen all the time. Do those hard things leave you asking, "Where is God?" As God pulls back the curtain for John, we see that God sets the record straight. God will make it right.

**Additional Reading:** *Psalm 50; Revelation 21*

### 3. Read 16:1-11

The first four bowl judgments are poured out on nature - the earth, the sea, fresh water sources, and the sun. Here, God's judgment turn creation against people. Do you hear the echo of the ten plagues from Exodus? Just as those ten plagues show that the idols of Egypt are worthless, these bowl judgments show the futility of trusting the things we turn into idols. These judgments expand and intensify. Sometime before Jesus returns, there will be an intensification. We don't know when this will happen. We need to be ready and trust God.

The fifth bowl is poured out on the Beast. We should be thankful for the state even though it is imperfect. It is made up of fallen people and can be corrupted by the beast. Sometimes in a fallen world guilty people go free. The fifth bowl reminds us that no crooked official will get away with their sin. This is God's answer to the martyrs from chapter six. ([Revelation 6:10](#))

Have you been sinned against leaving ruin, hurt and pain in your life? Do you want justice? Taking vengeance into our own hands will make a mess. You can become nasty and bitter. We were not meant to carry the burden of vengeance. ([Romans 12:17-19](#)) God will bring about perfect justice either in Hell or at the cross of Jesus. Jesus took on the wrath of God. We can forgive those who have sinned against us and trust God to vindicate.

**Additional Reading:** *Exodus Chapters 7 – 11*

### 4. Read 16:12-21

Here we see the nations gather to declare war on God at Armageddon. This is a final push to rage against God. The images here look like a horror movie. The frogs are a revolting image of spiritual deceit and false teaching. False teaching is meant to look good, but it is deceptive. A Christian who drifts from the faith may think that the false teaching looks plausible but verses 13 and 14 paint a different picture showing the revolting, grotesque, demonic influence of false teaching. Paul describes Satan as the prince of the power of the air. ([Ephesians 2:2](#)) The seventh bowl is poured out on the air. The final judgment marks the end of the world's deceit, destruction, and evil and its impact on the world.

How can God's judgment highlight His love? We see God's wrath BECAUSE of His love for His own. Sometimes wrath IS an expression of love. God loves us with a costly love. He sent Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath to the dregs. Do you want to know how much God loves you? Look to the cross. This is where God's love and justice meet.

Those upon whom God pours out His justice did not repent. God gave them time. He was patient, but they refused and will face His judgment. We do not know when Jesus will come, but He is coming. His heart is not to curse, but to bless. He doesn't delight in the death of the wicked. He wants people to come to Him. He loves us that much. ([John 3:16](#)) We must put on the garments of His righteousness to be ready for the final judgment. Everything that is necessary for our salvation was accomplished by Jesus on the cross. All that remains is for us to turn from our sin and trust Christ. Do you hear Jesus' invitation to come to Him? He will keep you safe.

**Additional Reading:** *Psalm 2*

#### **Prayer of Response**

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to confess? From what do I need to repent?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at [fbcum.org](http://fbcum.org)

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">Revelation 17:1-18</a> "Resisting the Seduction of Evil" |
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## Family Guide for week of July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*



### Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc...)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

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## **Bible Intake** (*Listening to God*)

Day 1 – Psalm 103  
Day 2 – Psalm 104  
Day 3 – Psalm 105  
Day 4 – Psalm 106  
Day 5 – Psalm 107

*\*Read Revelation Revelation 17:1-18 in preparation for church on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

## **Prayer** (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.  
Pray for a few church members on pg. 9 of our church directory.  
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

## **Sing together**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Exodus 20:16** *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."*

**Exodus 20:17a** *"You shall not covet..."*

## **Catechism question for the week<sup>1</sup>**

Question 2: What is God?

Answer: God is the creator of everyone and everything.

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<sup>1</sup> *New City Catechism* (<http://newcitycatechism.com/>)