



Great Swamp Baptist Church

JANUARY 6, 2019

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January 6, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 555 "Child of the King"

Invocation

Robert O'Dell

Selections of Praise & Worship

"The Love of God"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak

Next Week: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Robert O'Dell

843-422-9521

Next Week: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344

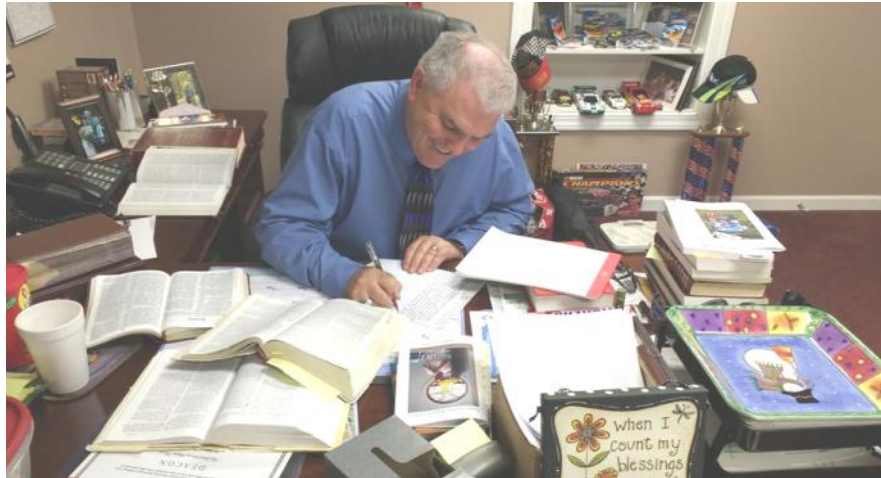


Toll Committee

For the month of January

Alice Way

Pat Malphrus



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

John's Trip to Heaven (Part X)

(Rev. 4:1-11)

Intro: So far in our study of this chapter, we have focused upon what John has been seeing while he is visiting up in Heaven. He sees a whole lot of things that we have been examining now for weeks. The most important thing that we have noticed is that everything he saw focused squarely upon the throne of Heaven. Now, of course, the reason of the focus upon the throne is because it is God's throne and He is the focus of Heaven and He will be the eventual focus of all of the universe. For one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. So obviously, Heaven will be all about our Blessed Lord. It is obvious that everything that John saw and everyone John saw either on, around or before the throne was all God.

However, John not only saw things around the throne of Heaven, but he also heard things around the throne of Heaven. So, today, and this will conclude our study of this chapter, we are going to focus upon what John heard around the throne of Heaven. What he heard just like what he saw will reveal to us more about who God is and what He is going to do particularly what is found in the rest of the Book of Revelation. Let's listen in to what John heard and see what it reveals to us. They say seeing is believing and it certainly can make a big difference. However, we can learn a whole lot from what we hear. For most often what we hear comes from the very core of a person's being. What John was hearing was coming from the very core of every being that was surrounding the throne. Let us listen carefully for the things we hear ought to come from our very core as well.

X. A. First, let us notice that what John heard spoken around the throne of Heaven reveals the distinctiveness of God. (vs. 8). *Now this verse reveals the distinctiveness of God in at least two ways. We will look at both of these ways.*

1. First, God is distinctive because He's Holy. *The four living creatures that surround the throne of Heaven never stop crying out day and night that God is Holy. As a matter of fact, it looks like their pattern for declaring His holiness is to cry the Word out three times and then declare His name. Now the number three has always represented the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. So, these creatures are declaring that each person of the blessed Trinity that make up the One True God are each Holy. Thus as the number also represents completeness, you have total, complete Holy god for each person who makes up God are Holy and always have been and always will be.*

Now, this reveals that God is distinctive because the Word Holy itself means separate or to be set apart. God in His complete being is totally set apart from all other beings, creatures and everything else that exists. He is completely wholly other than all others because all others have been created by Him but He alone is without beginning. Now, no one else or nothing else fits in the same category. God is His own category altogether.

Because God is a category of His own, He does not fall into the short comings of mankind. Particularly when it comes to the matter of sin. He is totally absent of sin, and His Holy perfection can never allow for the presence of sin to be in His presence. This means that our sins totally separate us from holy God.

Praise God, however, a remedy has been created by God to fix our sin problem so that we can stand in the presence of God and not be consumed, but rather have an intimate and personal relationship with Him. God made this possible by sending His Son into the world who took upon human flesh. As a man He did what no other man could do. He lived a totally and completely sin free life. As the writer of Hebrews says that He was tempted in everyway just like us yet He was without sin (Heb. 4:15). He lived a Holy perfect life for us.

Now it was required that He live that Holy and perfect life for us so that He could do the next step required to procure our salvation and that was to die for us. The Old Testament required that the sacrificial lamb had to be without spot or blemish or any kind of imperfection as much as was possible. But we know that no sacrificial lamb that Jews offered up was perfect enough of a sacrifice to truly satisfy our sins because they had to continuously offer up these sacrifices. But Jesus was the total and absolute perfect lamb. He absolutely had no imperfections therefore He and He alone could be and was, is the final sacrifice for our sins.

When He became our perfect sacrifice demanded by God for our sins, He did something that He had never known in all of eternity past and at that moment His present, He became sin for us so that He could take our sins from us and transfer His righteousness to us. "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor. 5:21).

So, when a person under conviction by God for their sins comes to Christ in repentance and faith, their sins are forgiven and through Christ they stand holy in God's presence. Amen, Amen, Amen.

However, in the last days, because so many refuse to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior and instead become hostile toward the Christian faith, God is left with one option and that is to bring about severe judgment for mankind's rejection and utter wickedness. This clearly is one of the primary reasons John was allowed to hear about God's holiness so that he could understand what he would be told about what is about to take place upon the world in the last days. It will be a time in which God will pour out His wrath against mankind because he so utterly rejects the holiness of God and dives into utter perversion. This God will finally and ultimately put an end to sin and establish His eternal kingdom, Amen and amen.

2. Second, God is distinctive because He's eternal. *John heard the creatures declare that the Lord God Almighty was, is and is to come. "He was" means He always has been. "He is" means that in every moment He is and "He is to come" means that in the eternal future He will be there. Now God can do this because God lives outside of time. He has no beginning and He certainly will have no ending. You just have to say He is eternal.*

However, praise His Holy name for one brief period of time He willingly stepped into time when He took upon human flesh and became one of us in order to bring about our redemption. So, like He transferred His righteous and Holy life to us so that we stand positional in God's presence as Holy and righteous. He also passes on to us the eternal life that He has. When we come to Him we are assured that we will spend eternity living in His Holy presence. Now this is another reason why the events of the rest of the Book must take place because God was willing to step into our time to bring us our redemption and die to do so and to refuse that enormous price He paid can only face a fire judgment, thus the Book of Revelation. Therefore may you not resist His offer of eternal life while you have the opportunity.

X. B. Second, let us notice that what John heard spoken around the throne of Heaven reveals the dominance of God. (vs.11). *The four living creatures as well as the twenty four elders all around the throne began saying in harmony and in reverence as they knelt before God that He was worthy of glory and honor and power because He had created all things.*

Now God and God alone can create. We can invent, build, put together but we can never create. For we must use what is already be created in order to do those things just mentioned. However, the writer of Hebrews remind us that God created all things out of what did not exist. In other words, He made it all from nothing. (Heb. 11:3). Oh, what a God we serve.

However, here is what is great about God's great creative power. When He created everything as we read in Genesis Chapter One, He created it all good. As a matter of fact, He declared it all very good on the last day of creation. But something terribly went wrong with that very good creation and that something terrible was man's choice to sin which lead to horrible, horrible consequences.

However, God our Creator, through the redemption He offers in Christ, made it possible to restore that goodness lost in His original creation. In the last days when the sinfulness of the world has been dealt with through God's judgment upon the world as never before He will establish His Kingdom here on earth and goodness will be restored to His creation. Paul tells us this when he said, "I consider our present sufferings are not

worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope, that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay, and brought into the glorious freedom of the Children of God.” (Rom. 8:18-21). Oh, may your future be to know the creative goodness of God and not His judgment. Cry out to Him, know and He will make you a new creation in Christ and then you will know of the goodness He means for us to experience.

X. C. Third, let us notice that what John heard spoken around the Throne of Heaven reveals the dedication belonging to God. (vs. 7-11). This point was extremely obvious to John. This was something that He both saw and heard. He saw all of Heaven circled around the throne in harmony singing the praises of God. All the living creatures and the elders who we believe represent the entire church that’s been raptured to glory together dedicating themselves to the eternal worship of God.

Those people in the period of the last days who not only choose not to dedicate themselves to the worship, praise and service of our Holy God but rather choose to do everything but that will face a fiery judgment from God and instead of worship our God in glory for all eternity, will spend it in agony in Hell.

Ohm, thank you God that in Christ we will live in goodness, righteousness and holiness in your presence forever worshipping your glorious name.

Concl. Did you listen closely to the words that John heard? They are words of redemption if you listen and heed but if not they will be words of judgment. I pray you choose to hear and heed to know of God’s eternal goodness.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



Chicken 'n Fixins

Rolls / Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthe Armstrong Cooking Team

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more

Announcements



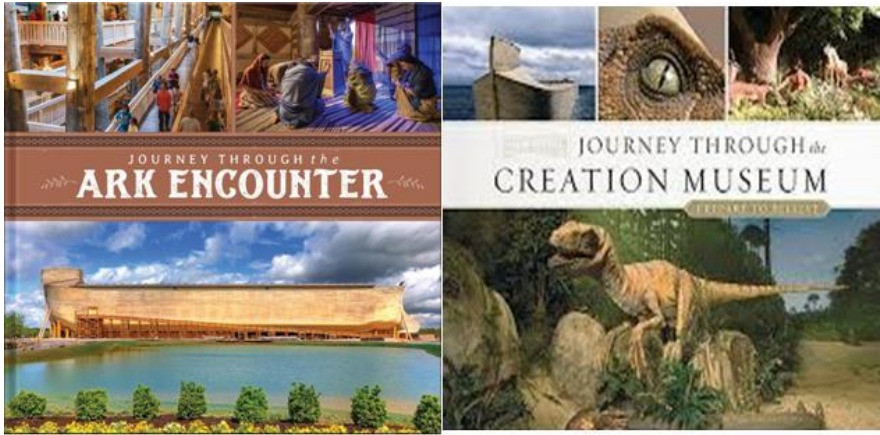
*School Resumes
Monday, January 7th*

*Grandmother's Group
Tuesday, January 8th*



*Business Conference
Wednesday, January 9th*

*Quilting Club
Thursday, January 10th*



*The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum
information on Bulletin Board*

THE INSPIRATIONAL TRUE STORY CONTINUES

UNBROKEN

PATH TO REDEMPTION



Feature follows fellowship @ 5:30pm

GSBC Prayer Pages January 6, 2019

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals
Mackenzie Cooler-TN

Surgery / Recovery
*Judy Smith (10/18)
Shirley Malphrus (11/1)
Pat Bryan (11/13)
Mike Mingledorff (12/7)*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC
Maureen Malphrus-RNC
Becky Jones-Anderson*

Special Requests
Robert O'Dell-Job

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Dev. Ministries*

Unspoken
*Tim Cramer Family
Mandy Drew
Olivia & Juan Garcia*

Spiritual Guidance
*Trip Fogle
Enriqueta Torres
David Peacock
John Woodly
Mary Lou Torres
Emerald Trujillo*

Cancer / Treatments
*Mitzi Cramer (12/1)
Jane Chapman (12/1)
Becky Broxton (12/1)
Jeanie Raven (12/1)
Jimmy Mixson (12/1)
Pam Stanley (12/1)
Heidi Crosby (12/26)
Bill Martin (12/30)*

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Lottie Moon Offering*

Bereavement
Family of

Other Health Needs
*E.L. Ambrose (12/1)
Betty Miles (11/29)
Royce Malphrus (11/29)
Monique Gagel (11/15)
Gary Way (11/28)
Bobby Mohn (11/28)
Ann Blocker (11/30)
Lyman Malphrus (12/4)
Pinkie Rushing (12/4)
Lanell Smith (12/31)
Dot Dean (12/31)*

Expecting / Births
*Amanda Bowen
Victoria Keiffer*

Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland
Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Joyce Sutler
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Dot Dean
Ellen Langford
Alice Way*

*Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Barbara Mills(Knee)
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Brian Freeman
Dot Tindal
Pam Stanley
Nadine Smoak
Vanessa Smoak*



Pray For Our Military

*Jared Blanton-Fort Benning
Isaac Martin Malphrus
Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force /
Oklahoma City. OK
Michael Sottile - Deployed
Owen White-Fort Bragg
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ Navy Seals*



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

*Betty Robertson
Vera Miles*

For Prayer Needs

*You may access by calling the church at
843-726-3631*



Operation Christmas Child 2019 will start collecting shoeboxes, wrapping paper, and small to medium size stuffed animals in January. After Christmas sales will be a great time to find deals on items.

Great Swamp Baptist Church goal for 2019 is 400 boxes. Thank you for all your help.

Dorthie Armstrong



January 6th Duane Armstrong
January 7th Barbara Malphrus
January 10th Sadie O'Connor
Rylee Fitzhugh
Colleen Standard

January 8th Tony & Colleen Standard
January 12th Jim & Chon Madison



Gifts

*A gift of \$25.00 was given to the
Gymnasium Landscape in
Memory of Mary Daley & Leonard Steedly
by Sylvia Keaton.*

*A gift of \$1,500.00 was given to the
General Fund in
Memory of
Leonard Steedly
by Patrick, Kim, Jonathan & Kimberly Malphrus.*

Church Staff

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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$6,219.00	\$4,973.36	+\$1,245.64
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$225.00	*****	\$1,430.25
<i>SFCA Gymnasium Landscape</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$505.00
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$12.00	*****	\$101.11



Peace often begins with an act of kindness... thank you for yours. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for everything you have done for us.
Donald Van Curen & Family

Celebrating  **175 years of God's Faithfulness**

and the journey will continue until God returns...

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Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM
Saturday Watchman Prayer 8:00AM

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