



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
January 30, 2022*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

*“Do This In
Remembrance Of Me”*



The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise & Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



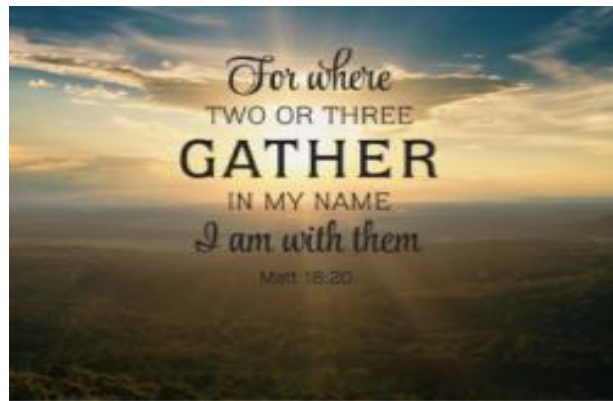
Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

Fred Stanley: 843-226-1963



*From
Pastor*



Reasons to Fear God

(Dan. 6:25-28)

Intro: Just a short time before Daniel was cast into the lion's den, King Darius had issued a decree which basically said to all the people in his kingdom that for thirty days no one but me can be your god. For it was only to him could they pray, seek and honor.

However, motivated by Daniel's deliverance, which was carried out by God, King Darius made a new edict that was a complete reversal of the one he made a few days earlier. This new decree said that all the people in the world were to fear and have reverence this time not of him but rather of the God of Daniel.

This new decree didn't simply challenge the people to just sort of respect and recognize Daniel's God. Rather it challenged them to literally as one version said fear and tremble before the God of Daniel. Then the king precedes to explain why they should fear God, and that is what this message will focus on, the reasons to fear God.

I. The first reason King Darius says that we must fear God is because He is the Living God. (vs. 25).

Under King Darius's reign, the people in his kingdom worshipped all kinds of so-called gods. Most of these so-called gods were idols or shrines made out of wood, or stone, or precious metals. They were made by the very people that worshipped them.

However, not one of them idols that they bowed down to or prayed to could in anyway respond back to the people worshipping them. The Bible speaks often of the foolishness of worshipping idols that can't respond to you. "The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by the hands of men. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes but cannot see, they have ears that cannot hear, nor is their breath in their mouths. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them." (Ps. 136:15-18). The Psalmist said in those verses that their idols weren't even breathing. Therefore that their so-called gods aren't alive in any form or fashion.

Now, King Darius became keenly aware that Daniel's God was the only true living God when he saw with his own eyes that Daniel's God delivered him from the mouths of the hungry lions. But the so-called gods of Daniel's enemies who also were cast into the lion's den did nothing to save them and they did nothing because they couldn't for they were never alive to do anything about it. Daniel lasted 24 hours with the lions with no harm whatsoever. However, Daniel's enemies when cast into the den didn't even last for a moment before the lions killed them all.

When our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ was placed in the tomb, His enemies believed that they had once and for all proven that Jesus was not God. However, it was in His death that He proved beyond a doubt whatsoever that He indeed was and will ever be, the Living God. For on the third day, He came up out of the grave to prove that He was God. He said He had the power to lay down His life and the power to take it back up. (John 10:18). So, that evil hungry lion called the devil couldn't harm Him nor hold Him in the grave.

My dear friends, we need to fear God because He alone is the one true Living God.

II. The second reason King Darius says that we must fear God is because He is the Eternal God. (vs. 26).

Now, just a few days earlier, King Darius was approached by Daniel's enemies to get the king to issue a decree that would get Daniel in trouble. As they began their talk with him, they addressed the king in this manner, "O King live forever." (vs. 6). Well, we know that this didn't happen. The king didn't live forever. He died and his remains are still in the grave.

However, the God of Daniel, the Living God, is the Eternal Living God. In a prayer prayed by Moses, he acknowledges that our God is indeed eternal. "Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Ps. 90:2).

We, also, read this same declaration from Isaiah when he said, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the Everlasting God, the Creator of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength." (Is. 40:28-29).

When Jesus came up out of the grave, He proved that He is the Eternal Living God or He would have remained in the grave. Paul speaking of Jesus, "Now to the King (Jesus) eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever Amen." (I Tim. 1:17). The writer of Hebrews says, "Jesus is the same yesterday, and today and forever." (Heb. 13:8). There are many more verses on the eternity of the Blessed Godhead.

So, since our God is the Eternal God, then it behooves us to fear Him and respect Him and follow Him for He will be the One we answer to for eternity.

III. The third reason King Darius says why we are to fear God is because His kingdom is indestructible. (vs. 26).

Now, King Darius himself had himself taken down a large kingdom, the Kingdom of Babylon. He was well aware that the kingdom of men are very capable of being defeated. He himself was 62 years old when he conquered the Babylonians and for that time he was truly beyond what was the average life expectation. So he knew that even his won time as a kingdom leader was limited.

However, when he saw how God had delivered Daniel from the many hungry lions and had heard of all the things God had done for Daniel and the three Hebrew friends of Daniel in the past, there was only one conclusion he

could come to. That conclusion was beyond a shadow of a doubt that God's kingdom was indeed the eternal, unending and indestructible kingdom. From which God rules and reigns with complete sovereignty carrying out His will and purpose in the affairs of mankind. Most particularly the concerns, matters needs and purposes of His people in this life.

The Bible is very clear on this matter and it would take me more pages than I could fill to write all the verse to proclaim God's absolute authority. However, I will mention a couple of them to emphasize the point. "For god is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nation; God is seated on His Holy throne. The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted." (Ps. 47:7-9).

Of course, we all know according to God's Holy Word that the most powerful force outside of the Realm of God is Satan. Compared to God in his power is nothing in comparison. But compared to man's power he is far more powerful. But even with all of his power and authority along with all the demonic forces he has, it will never be enough to destroy God's Kingdom, His church and His people. "And I tell you that you are Peter and on this Rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matt. 16-18).

So if you are looking to any other kingdom, authority, leaders, power other than God's, you will be on the losing side. We must reverence and fear God because He alone has the Kingdom that will endure for all time.

IV. The fourth reason King Darius says why we must fear God is because God alone rescues and saves. (vs. 27).

The message I presented a couple of weeks ago was entitled, Who Rescued Daniel? We examined at first who didn't and couldn't rescue Daniel. We finally came down to the king himself but even he said that even he was unable to find a way to save him. But he told Daniel the only hope that I see is if your God will rescue you because nobody else or nothing else can.

Of course, we know what happened. God shut the mouths of the lions and the next day Daniel walked out 100% completely unharmed. Why, because God delivered him. Isaiah the Prophet so powerfully reveals the fact that God and God alone can rescue and save us from the mouths of the lion. Most specifically from the roaring lion, the devil, and from death which Daniel was rescued from. "I, even I, am the Lord and apart from me there is no Savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God." (Is. 43:11-12).

"...And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other." (Is. 45:21-22).

Of course, Jesus Christ leaves us as to no doubt who alone can save us when He boldly and confidently said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6).

So if you want to be rescued and saved from Satan, death, hell, and the grave and our sins, then you must fear God and turn to Him for Salvation for He is the One who can provide it.

Concl: so, how can I be so bold and confident that God and God alone is whom we should fear and humble before with repentance and faith for our deliverance? Well, it is because of the same reason that King Darius was convinced. For he said that God, "performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." (vs. 26-27). King Darius saw with his own eyes that God performed miracles as when he saved Daniel.

When we read the Gospels of Matthew, Mark Luke and John, we see with our own eyes of all the amazing miracles Jesus performed. Therefore we can boldly say without any doubt whatsoever, you can not find Redemption, Salvation or Deliverance any where else but with Jesus.

So, when you allow fear to drive you to the point to surrender, you call to Christ and you will know and experience His love for you.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Wednesday Night Supper

Menu

To Be Announced

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



<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 31st</i>	<i>Sawyer Smoak</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>February 1st</i>	<i>Gary Way</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>February 2nd</i>	<i>Rinley Dennen</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>February 4th</i>	<i>Emma Scott</i>

January & February

We are starting to collect for the shoeboxes.
This month is hygiene items.



Soap
Wash Cloths
Toothbrushes
Comb/Brushes (Boys & Girls)
Pony tail holders
Head bands
Hair Barrettes



Grandmother's Group

Monday, February 14th

11:00 am

Bring
Valentine Cards
Tea Cup & Saucer w/ Bible Verse in it
Red & White Foods
Recipes for Bulletin

Coming Next Month
February 15th

**STEP OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY PRESENTS**
MURDER'S IN THE HEIR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH @ 7PM

9009 TARBORO RD RIDGELAND SC

Adults-\$12.00
Seniors and students \$8.00



Directed By-
Mrs Rhonda Stones

Poster By VP- Big
Sister Designs

GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership
*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement
*Family of
Thelma Tillotson
David Payne*

Unspoken

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Charlee Carter*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Dot Nettles-RNC*

Cancer / Treatments

*Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Denita Linton
David Linton*

Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Ernest Blount
Stephen Roberts*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Scott Boyles</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Kenneth & Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Redden & Gloria Tuten</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	<i>Shelby Green</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Petaluma, California*

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,094.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 888.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 89.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 150.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Special Events (Shellem Clime)</i>	\$ 421.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 240.00
<i>SFCA Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 65.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 949.45	*****	\$ 0.00

Additional Help Needed

For

Wednesday Night's

GA's & RA's

We would like to expand to include Mission Friends.

Youth or Adults are encouraged to inquire.

See Kim Malphrus or Diane Thames.



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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