



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024

‘When we cannot trace God’s hand, we can trust God’s heart.’

-Charles Spurgeon

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude Glen Harper

Hymn **Nothing but the Blood (302)**

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Scripture Reading Galatians 5:16-6:10

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

⁶ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn A Christian Home (346)

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide;
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the Crucified:
How sweet to know that, though his foot-steps waver,
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,

Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, though days be dark and grim.

O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster,
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue;
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor-
Be Thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Hymn There Is a Higher Throne (119)

There is a higher throne than all this world has known.
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace; Salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing;
Their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God, our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor Him in perfect song, where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; We'll reign with Him.

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Their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God, our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

Scripture Reading Genesis 29:31-30:24

³¹ When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." ³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴ Again she

conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. ³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

30 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" ² Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" ³ Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her." ⁴ So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. ⁵ And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶ Then Rachel said, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan. ⁷ Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸ Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali. ⁹ When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. ¹⁰ Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. ¹¹ And Leah said, "Good fortune has come!" so she called his name Gad. ¹² Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. ¹³ And Leah said, "Happy am I! For women have called me happy." So she called his name Asher. ¹⁴ In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." ¹⁵ But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." ¹⁶ When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. ¹⁷ And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. ¹⁸ Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar. ¹⁹ And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. ²⁰ Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. ²¹ Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah. ²² Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. ²³ She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." ²⁴ And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the Lord add to me another son!"

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

'You can't choose 'em, you can't lose 'em' Genesis 29:31-30:24

Hymn Not in Me (405)

No list of sins I have not done,
no list of virtues I pursue,
No list of those I am not like
can earn myself a place with You.
O God! Be merciful to me;
I am a sinner through and through.
My only hope of righteousness
is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,
no lifted hands, no tearful song,
No recitation of the truth,
can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life;
my debt was paid by Jesus' death.
My weary load was borne by Him
and He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,
no work I do, no gift I give
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;
I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again;
the pow'r of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me
and merciful in Christ alone.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'You can't choose 'em, you can't lose 'em' Genesis 29:31-30:24

- I. Leah
 - a. Reuben (Genesis 35:22, 37:21)
 - b. Simeon
 - c. Levi (Genesis 34:25-31)
 - d. Judah (Genesis 37:26-28, 38:1-30)
- II. Bilhah (Genesis 16:1-3)
 - a. Dan
 - b. Naphtali
- III. Zilpah
 - a. Gad
 - b. Asher
- IV. Leah (Song of Songs 7:13)
 - a. Issachar
 - b. Zebulon
 - c. Dinah (Genesis 34)
- V. Rachel
 - a. Joseph
 - b. Benjamin (Genesis 35:16-18)

- VI. Lessons For ...
- a. Heart Desires
 - b. Family Leadership (Deuteronomy 6:4-25; Ephesians 6:4)
 - c. The church (Ephesians 2:1-22)

K Group Questions for March 20

1. What is Leah's deepest desire? How does that affect her choices?
2. What is Rachel's deepest desire? How does that affect her choices?
3. What is the significance of Leah and Rachel naming the children of their servants?
4. What appears to be lacking in Jacob during this period?
5. How can 'heart desires' overwhelm our intention to serve the Lord well? How do we guard against letting these desires overpower us?

Announcements

Special Business Meeting – Following the Worship Service

A special business meeting will take place immediately following the morning worship service to vote to affirm Joel Blevins as PBC Student Minister. Copies of the specific duties and responsibilities of a Student Minister for PBC are available in the foyer.

Church Wide Workday – Saturday, March 23 from 8AM-Noon in preparation for Easter Sunday

We will have inside and outside jobs for EVERYONE, so bring your work gloves and tools and join us for a time of service and fellowship.

Games at Valley View Nursing Home – Friday, March 29 @ 2:30 PM

On the last Friday of every month, we play games with residents of VVNH. We are called "Providence Players." Come join us for rousing games of dominos and UNO. For more information contact Monika Carroll at 256-772-0185.

Easter Sunday – March 31 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

2nd Quarter Sunday School Begins April 7

Class descriptions and sign-up sheets can be found in the foyer. Descriptions can also be found on the PBC website: providencebaptist.us/adult-education

Sunday School Class Evaluations –We ask you who participated in a 1st Quarter Sunday School class to be a part of our on-going desire to hear how lives have been affected. Please click on this link to answer a few questions:

[Course Evaluations](#)

March is Building Fund Faithfulness Month

When the church decided to build our education wing, we made a concerted

effort to focus on paying off the building debt with a special collection twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. This March we will be taking up a love offering that will go specifically towards the principal of our loan. If you would like to contribute, please mark your giving as 'Building Fund'. Every bit helps and is appreciated.

New Email Addresses – *Please use these emails for all calendar dates or wedding inquiries.*

events@providencebaptist.us – This email will go to Raegan Wong, our new Facilities Ministry Lead. She will now be the contact for coordinating the use of church facilities, including approval of requests to use the facilities by church members.

weddings@providencebaptist.us – This email will go to our Wedding Team: Amelia Johnson, Drake Zaiter, and Haley Blackwell. They are responsible for approving and coordinating the use of church facilities for all aspects surrounding weddings at Providence.

Opportunities to Serve

If you are a PBC member but don't have a place of service here at the church, we ask you to consider sharing your gifts and talents with us. Do you like to cook or bake? Do you like building maintenance? Do you like landscaping? Do you like rocking babies? Do you like working in Audio/Visual? Would you like to serve in Men's or Women's ministry? There is a place where your gifts and skills can make a difference in the life of this church family. If you are a PBC member and would like to find out where to serve, please visit our serve page and fill out an interest form at <https://www.providencebaptist.us/serve>

Upcoming Events ...

March 19	Elders Meeting
March 23	Church Wide Workday
March 24	1 st Quarter Sunday School Ends
March 29	Games at Valley View
March 31	Easter Sunday – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 2	Elders Meeting
April 6	Ladies Book Discussion Group
April 7	2 nd Quarter Sunday School Begins
April 16	Elders Meeting
April 19-20	Women's Retreat
April 26	Games at Valley View
April 30	Women's Ministry Prayer Group