
Weekly Schedule

Thurs Mar 25th (Mesquite)	Ladies Prayer @ Ponnamma's res. (7 PM)
Fri, Mar 26th (Mesquite)	Fasting prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, Mar 26th (Mesquite)	Prayer Meeting @ Parsonage (7 PM)
Sat, Mar 27th (Metro)	Fasting Prayer @ Metro Session 1: 3 PM - 5 PM Session 2: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Prayer for the Nations Bahamas and Barbados (Latin America)*

Bahamas

- The Bahamas are a string of 700 tiny islands stretching between Florida and Cuba in the North Atlantic Ocean.
- In 1973 the Bahamas gained independence, ending the domination of the white elite and bring blacks into the political process for the first time.
- The Bahamas is a major centre for drug trafficking and dealing with dirty money, but since the '80s things have got better.
- Nearly a third of the population are bible-believing Christians, but most are not really committed to church. Pray these communities would grow in their love for each other and the lost.

Barbados

- Barbados is the Little England of the Caribbean.
- It is one of the richest and most successful of any of the Caribbean islands. Since it was settled nearly 400 years ago, people have been able to worship freely.
- Barbados has the best success rate of turning out world class cricket players of any country!
- People have been praying in Barbados to ask for forgiveness for the slavery that the English introduced when they settled on the island.
- Nearly everyone on the island would call themselves Christians, but less and less people are actually going to church and the country is gripped by materialism. Pray that the people in Barbados would turn back to a closer relationship with Jesus.
- The Church is struggling as there is a lot of competition and mistrust between it's leaders. Pray that God would give them a heart for unity and a desire to share a vision for Barbados.
- Pray for the young people in Barbados who need spiritual direction. Pray that the Church would be able to reach into a generation that is lost and disciple young Christians to live a lifestyle that reflects Jesus.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=162,164

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"For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance." (Ps 94:14)

Welcome

Does God permit the EVIL to reign over innocent people ?

"As the word "EVIL" explains regarding human ailments, sorrows, pains, weaknesses and death, but goes back of all these to consider their primary cause--sin-- and its remedy.

Some inquire, Could not God, to prevent the full accomplishment of Satan's design? Doubtless he could. His purpose was to make manifest the perfection, majesty and righteous authority of his law, and to prove both to men and to angels the evil consequences resulting from its violation. Besides, in their very nature, some things are impossible even with God, as the Scriptures state. It is "impossible for God to lie." (Heb. 6:18) "He cannot deny himself." (2 Tim. 2:13) He cannot do wrong, and therefore he could not choose any but the wisest and best plan for introducing his creatures into life.

The Scriptures declare that all things were created for the Lord's pleasure (Rev. 4:11)-- And though, in the working out of his benevolent designs, he permits evil and evildoers for a time to play an active part, yet it is not for evil's sake, nor because he is in league with sin; for he declares that he is "not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness." (Psa. 5:4) Though opposed to evil in every sense, God permits (i.e., does not hinder) it for a time, because his wisdom sees a way in which it may be made a lasting and valuable lesson to his creatures.

God first made his creatures acquainted with good, surrounding them with it in Eden; and afterward, as a penalty for disobedience, he gave them a severe knowledge of evil. Expelled from Eden and deprived of fellowship with himself, God let them experience sickness, pain and death, that they might thus forever know evil and sin.

Adam already had a knowledge of evil by information, but that was insufficient to restrain him from trying the experiment. Adam and Eve knew God as their Creator, and hence as the one who had the right to control and direct them; and God had said of the forbidden tree, "In the day thou eats thereof, dying thou shalt die." They had, therefore, a theoretical knowledge of evil, though they had never observed or experienced its effects They therefore yielded to the temptation which God wisely permitted, the ultimate utility of which his wisdom had traced.

Many have the erroneous idea that God placed our race on trial for life with the alternative of eternal torture, whereas nothing of the kind is even hinted at in the penalty. Adam was given this blessing in the full measure, but was warned that he would be deprived of this "gift" if he failed to render obedience to God--"In the day that thou eats thereof, dying, thou shalt die." He knew nothing of a life in torment, as the penalty of sin. Life everlasting is nowhere promised to any but the obedient. Life is God's gift, and death, the opposite of life, is the penalty he prescribes. "The wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23) "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4

Many have supposed God unjust in allowing Adam's condemnation to be shared by his posterity. But what will such say if it now be shown that the world's opportunity and trial for life will be much more favorable than was Adam's; because God adopted this plan of permitting Adam's race to share his penalty in a natural way? We believe this to be the case, and will endeavor to make it plain.

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Sermon Notes

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God assures us that as condemnation passed upon all in Adam, so he has arranged for a new head, father or life-giver for the race, into whom all may be transferred by faith and obedience and that as all in Adam shared the curse of death, so all in Christ will share the blessing of restitution; the Church being an exception. (Rom. 5:12,18,19) Thus seen, the death of Jesus, the undefiled, the sinless one, was a complete settlement toward God of the sin of Adam.

But would not this be giving some of the race a second chance to gain everlasting life? We answer--The first chance for everlasting life was lost for himself and all of his race, "yet in his loins," by father Adam's disobedience. Under that original trial "condemnation passed upon all men" and God's plan was that through Christ's redemption-sacrifice, be given the opportunity to race of Adam turn unto God through faith in the Redeemer

The permission of evil for a time among men thus displays a far-seeing wisdom, which grasped all the attendant circumstances, devised the remedy, and marked the final outcome through his power and grace.

It seems clear that substantially the same law of God which is now over mankind, obedience to which has the reward of life, and disobedience the penalty of death, must ultimately govern all of God's intelligent creatures; and that law, as our Lord defined it, is briefly comprehended in the one word, Love. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." (Luke 10:27)

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