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SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Of Princeton, New Jersey

Jesus Christ

For by Him were all things created,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,
and by Him all things consist.
- Colossians 1:16-17

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
11:00 AM Morning Service
Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

B'Days: Laxman Inderjeet—23rd; AJ D—26th; **Anniversaries:** Laxman and Davika Inderjeet—30th; **Nursery Today:** Urmilla I. **Nursery Thursday:** Melinda C.

THREE REQUESTS

Psalm 9: 19-20

By faith, believers see God the Father and Christ our Savior is our just Judge sitting upon the judgment-seat ruling for us. However proud and strong our enemies may appear they are in the hand of our God. So our prayer to God is, Arise, O LORD. Here are three requests the believer asks of the LORD.

Let Not Man Prevail

If man were allowed to prevail man would take God off his throne, put a division between God and his children and ultimately destroy mankind. (1 Tim 6:10; Ps 12: 8; Isaiah 5: 7; 9: 15-17) Do not look to man. Look to the LORD whose hand is working all things together for good to them that love the Lord, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Rom 8: 28) Our strength is the Lord. He prevailed in fulfilling the law for all the elect of God and justifying us from the curse. God prevailed in creating us anew. He shall prevail in keeping us from the evil. Look only to our Shield and Defender who sits on his throne in glory. The Lord may not end the evil but he can speak peace into our hearts and calm every storm. (Is 42: 13; 1 Sam 2: 9; Is 45: 13)

Let the Heathen be Judged in Thy Sight

We ask the righteous Judge of heaven to vindicate and save his children from the power of those who oppress his saints. What a relief to know the Judge of all the earth shall do right. (Gen 18: 25) There was one righteous man in Sodom, just Lot, and for that one man the LORD spared Sodom until he brought him out. As long as God has one child in this earth, he shall judge the heathen for us. All God's saints are perfectly justified in Christ Jesus. Therefore, not one of God's saints will be separated from Christ. God delights in his child, sets us as a seal on his heart, keeps us as the apple of his eye, and preserves us safe to his kingdom and glory. God's child is so one with Christ that the war waged against one of Christ's redeemed children is war waged against God. God will judge the heathen, vindicating his child, for the sake of Christ. (Job 8: 20-22; Ecc 8: 12-13)

Put Them in Fear

We are taught to pray for our enemies. It is our prayer that God make the commandment come that sin may revive and those who are yet enemies in their minds may know themselves to be but men, that the fear of God may be put into their hearts. (Job 28: 28; Pro 8: 13) The fear of God includes a dread of God's displeasure and a desire of God's approval, a regard for God's excellency and submission to God's will, gratitude for God's benefits and sincerity in the worship of God, as well as an inward delight in God's commands. When God sanctifies himself in the new heart, he makes us to behold Christ high and lifted up. That is when the sinner will stand in awe of God. (2 Cor 5: 21; Is 53: 6; Ro 8: 22; Ex 34: 7; Phil 3: 9) When sinners are made to see the holy character of God in Christ on the cross that is when we begin to have right views of self and right views of God. May God give, and increase, our fear of the LORD that we may know ourselves to be but men.

“TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO” (Proverb 22:6)

My earthly parents considered their six children “a heritage from the LORD” (Psalm 127:3). Our father was very diligent to fulfill his responsibility before God to “Train up a child in the way he should go” (Proverb 22:6) and to “not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

Our father therefore ascertained that his children heard the gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus during the weekly worship services of the church.

Our father also ascertained that all his children were under the ministry of the Word of God daily. He and our mother daily gathered all six of their children around them to read to us from God's Word, help us memorize Scriptures, catechize us, pray for us, point us to Christ and exhort us to trust in Him for the salvation of our souls.

Parents, many people and institutions daily endeavor to tempt our children into ways they should not go, and to train them to do and be contrary to the Lord. If we do not daily train them in the way in which they should go – who will? If we do not daily point them to Christ – who will? If we do not daily train and admonish them to be godly – who will? If we will not do so – why not?

If we parents – especially we fathers – truly consider our children “a heritage from the LORD” let us daily minister to them in such a way as to join Christ at the final day in saying to our heavenly Father, “Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me!” (Isaiah 8:18). Let us daily familiarize them with the Holy Scriptures, daily pray with and for them, and daily point them to Christ who is the Way in which a child should go (Proverb 22:6 with John 14:6).

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