

The Gospel of the King

Preparing Ourselves for the End

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Mark 13:28-37

What we *can* know about the last days ...

Jesus’ words are _____ (even if we don’t always understand what they mean).

His return will be _____ and _____. We should not be caught “off guard” regarding the _____ we live or the _____ of His return.

What we *cannot* know ...

We cannot know the _____ of His return.

The function of prophecy ...

However, our ignorance of the specific timing is _____ for being _____.

What we don’t know should not _____ us, but should instead _____ us.

How to “stay awake” in anticipation of the end:

3 challenges from **2 servants**, **10 virgins**, and **8 talents** (Matthew 24:45-25:30):

1) Am I _____?

The Olivet Discourse should suppress our _____ and return us to a commitment of regular, sustained _____ as _____ of the King.

It’s our fidelity to King Jesus that marks us as _____ or _____.

2) Am I _____?

Like the “oil” in the parable, I will not be able to “borrow” my salvation from anyone else when He returns.

3) Am I _____ of what God has entrusted to me?

Our response to what we know should be _____, not mere _____.

“He who loves the coming of the Lord is not he who affirms that it is far off, nor is it he who says it is near, but rather he who, whether it be far off or near, awaits it with sincere faith, steadfast hope, and fervent love.”

Augustine

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
January 31, 2021

Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Our weekly Call to Prayer will resume meeting on campus on February 7, 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

On Campus Life Group Meetings

All Life Groups will return to on campus meetings on Sunday, February 7.

Air Quality Improvements

Calvary has added an ionization system to the air units in the Fellowship Center and Preschool Building which work to eliminate viruses, bacteria, and other pathogens as the air circulates through the system. We hope this is just one more way we can all stay safe during this unprecedented pandemic.

Sunday Night Prayer Service Date Change

The Sunday Night prayer service has been changed to February 21, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. Due to this change, we will not have the American Gospel movie night on that date.

Membership Matters

Dinner with the Pastor | Tuesday, February 16 | 6:15 pm | Parlor

Membership Class | Sunday, February 28 | 8:30 am | Office Conference Room

If you are considering membership at Calvary, you are invited to a *Dinner with the Pastor* on Tuesday, February 16. The dinner will be followed by the *Membership Matters Class* on Sunday, February 28. Contact angie@calvarydothan.com or call the church office by Friday, February 12 to RSVP for dinner and/or childcare.

Dad and Kids Campout

March 5-6 | \$15 per family

Pack your gear and get ready for the great outdoors at the Dad and Kids Campout. Join us for this memorable weekend enjoying God’s creation, growing closer to our children, and connecting with other dads. Dads and their 1st through 5th grade children may sign up by March 3 by visiting calvarydothan.com.

Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE | June 14-18, 2021

Save the date! Volunteer registration begins in March, and child registration will open early in May. We hope you can join us!

Kids Camp - EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

We have partnered with Camp Victory (Samson, AL) this summer and Mr. Zach will be the camp pastor/speaker during the week of July 12-17. Those who sign up through Calvary and meet the early bird registration deadline by March 31 will be able to go to this camp for only \$240! If your child is interested in going to camp, they may sign up by emailing brooke@calvarydothan.com.

We are Titus 2:13 people, “... waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”.

And while we know with certainty that he *will* appear, we are told explicitly that we cannot know *when*. As we study Jesus’ words of prophecy regarding his return, we know that his intent was not to provide a detailed program for the future in the form of a linear progression of events, but to assure us of His return, prepare his own to endure until he comes, and to warn those who are not saved of the impending judgment and destruction that is theirs’ when he comes unless they repent of their sin and receive his grace. As Christians, Christ’s words are not to *alarm* us, but to *alert* us. Similarly, in Jesus’ words the believer is called to *courage*, while the unbeliever is challenged with *caution*.

As A.W. Tozer writes,

“The Bible does not give us a prophetic schedule that, similar to a train schedule, gives out the name of every stop, the time it will arrive and when it will leave. Therefore, to rigidly interpret what the Scripture says is to dishonor the integrity of the Scriptures. The Bible is a book of majestic outlook, telling us of the future in great brush strokes much like an artist painting a picture across the sky. The size is so tremendous that you have to stand back to take it all in. The fine details are lost in the grandeur of the Blessed Hope that Jesus is coming. Even though I am not sure of the time schedule, as long as I am on the train, going in the right direction, it does not really matter what the schedule is.”

(Preparing for Jesus’ Return: Daily Living the Blessed Hope, p. 14)

Are you ready for His return? Are you living life now like you’ll want to be living then? As Tozer put it, are you “on the train”, now just awaiting the schedule of the Master? If not, today is a great day to be saved!

Come Then, Lord Jesus

Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)

The church has waited long Her absent Lord to see;

And still in loneliness she waits,

A friendless stranger she.

How long, O Lord our God, Holy and true and good,

Wilt thou not judge thy suffering church

Her sighs and tears and blood?

We long to hear thy voice,

To see thee face to face,

To share thy crown and glory then

As now we share thy grace.

Come, Lord, and wipe away

The curse, the sin, the stain,

And make this blighted world of ours

Thine own fair world again.

- Pastor Paul

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

January 31, 2021

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
 Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest Guest
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male Female

- Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

With the Lord

Pauline Gwaltney went to be with the Lord on January 26.

Jan Nall went to be with the Lord on January 25. Please remember these families in your prayers. *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. Psalm 16:15*

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/podcast or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

January 24
Life Group: 137
10:00 Worship: 367
Hispanic Church: 103

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given January 24: \$35,970
Given Y-T-D: \$136,026
Y-T-D Required: \$207,076.92
Adoption Assistance Fund
Given Y-T-D: \$800

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, January 31:
2 Chr 25, Rev 12, Zec 8, Jn 11
Monday, February 1:
2 Chr 26, Rev 13, Zec 9, Jn 12
Tuesday, February 2:
2 Chr 27-28, Rev 14, Zec 10, Jn 13
Wednesday, February 3:
2 Chr 29, Rev 15, Zec 11, Jn 14
Thursday, February 4:
2 Chr 30, Rev 16, Zec 12:1-13:1, Jn 15
Friday, February 5:
2 Chr 31, Rev 17, Zec 13:2-9, Jn 16
Saturday, February 6:
2 Chr 32, Rev 18, Zec 14, Jn 17

Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (**Preregister at calvarydothan.com**)
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline.
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at info@CalvaryDothan.com or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, January 31:
Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483
Saturday, February 6:
Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483
Sunday, February 7:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 3 | 6:00 pm
Genesis - Where Grace Begins
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, February 7 | 10:00 am
The Gospel of the King
Beautiful Love
Mark 14:1-9
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, February 10 | 6:00 pm
Genesis - Where Grace Begins
Message by Paul Thompson

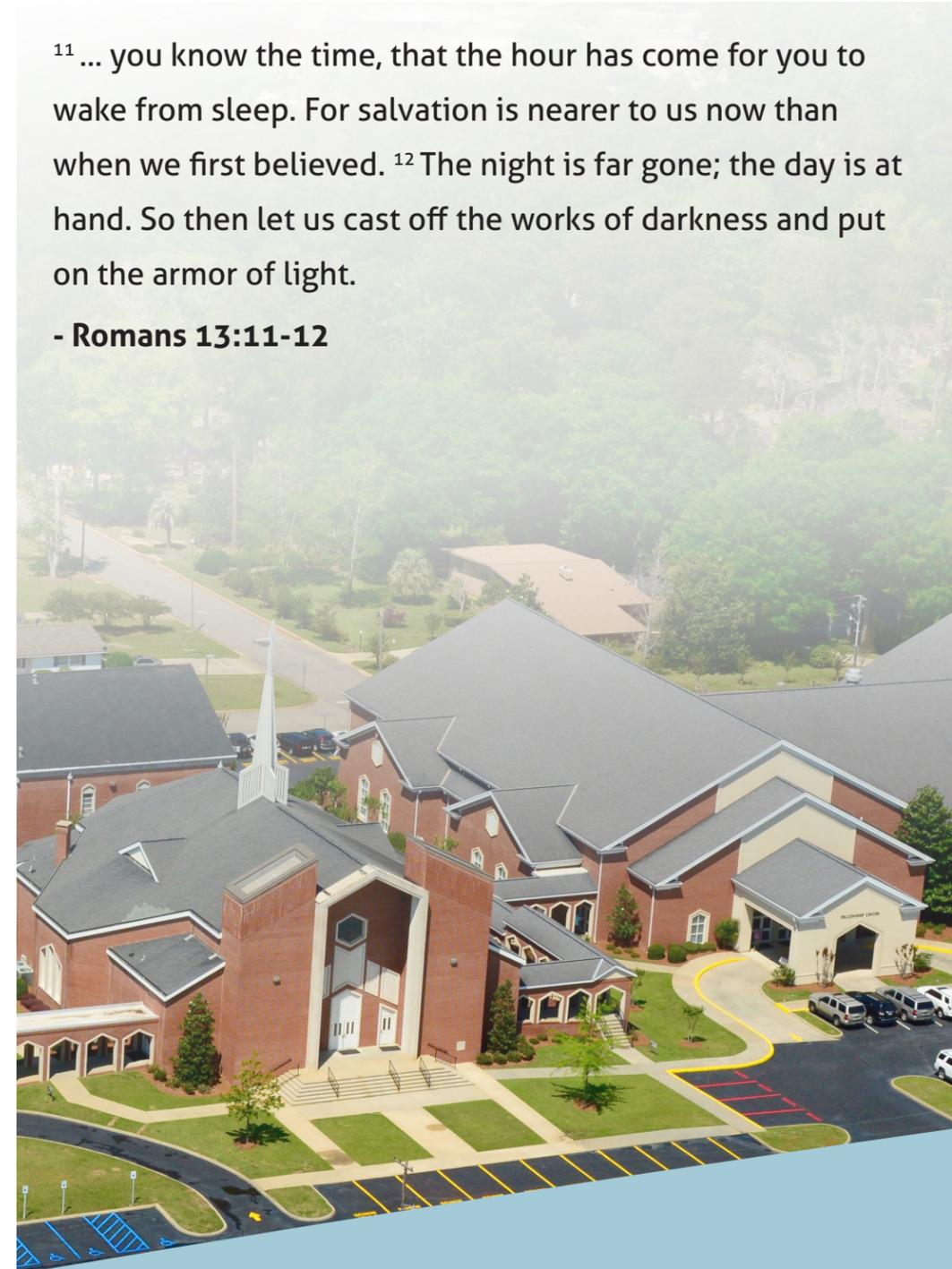
Sunday, February 14 | 10:00 am
The Gospel of the King
The Passover Lamb
Mark 14:10-25
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30am Life Group
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel
11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

¹¹ ... you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

- Romans 13:11-12



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH