

## Surviving Babylon: Lessons from Exile

Daniel 3

### Context: “The Furnace of Affliction”

*Deuteronomy 4:20; Isaiah 48:10*

'Exile' is where God \_\_\_\_\_ the lost,  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Himself a people,  
\_\_\_\_\_ us for eternity, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ His glory.

### Challenge and Opportunity: Nebuchadnezzar’s Abomination – Daniel 1:1-15

*Recall his dream in chapter 2 ...*

*He proclaims that “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings ...” (2:47)*

*What happened to change his thinking?*

### Genuine Tension and an Unknown\* Outcome – Daniel 1:16-18

Why did they obey?

#### For us:

Enjoying \_\_\_\_\_ in 'Babylon' is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, so don't expect it.  
If \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are our aims, at some point we'll \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in this world.

We demonstrate that we are truly His at the intersection of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

A Christian's \_\_\_\_\_ to King Jesus must be \_\_\_\_\_ (including even our  
\_\_\_\_\_, potentially).

Truly \_\_\_\_\_ is the prerequisite for \_\_\_\_\_.

*The. Most. Important. Question.*

*“... who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” (Daniel 3:15)*

Nebuchadnezzar expected this answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

But the 3 young men know the answer. *Do I?*

### Lesson 2: I can demonstrate my fealty to King Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_ to the false gods of the age.

*Some of those 'gods' are ...*

### But when you refuse to 'bow', be prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ of 'Babylon' – Daniel 1:19-23

And do not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Personal question:** Where and about what will I draw the line?

### An Amazing Rescue – Daniel 3:24-27

### The Vindication of God – Daniel 3:28-30

#### Believers' Confidence in Christ Jesus:

God will deliver me \_\_\_\_\_ death or \_\_\_\_\_ death. Either way, I will be delivered.

In Jesus, we will be delivered from the “fiery \_\_\_\_\_” (Matthew 13:42-43)

As God was with the Three and with Daniel, so He promises to be with us in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Daniel 6:22; Zeph. 3:17-20; Psalm 46:1-3; John 16:33; Col 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Jesus desires to be \_\_\_\_\_ in and through us – both in our \_\_\_\_\_ *and* in our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Phil. 1:20-21)

We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_ unto death, knowing our sure \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Revelation 2:10-11)

We, too, might one day face such a harrowing choice, but even in death, we will be \_\_\_\_\_  
in eternity (John 12:25-26)

And Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
July 16, 2023*

## Family Night at Water World

**Sunday, July 23 | 5:30-7:30 pm | \$5 per person**

Don't miss our annual Calvary Family Night at Water World! Concession stand in the park will be open.

## Meaningful Membership

**Sunday, July 30 | 1-5pm | Office Conference Room**

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend all four Sunday morning classes, join us for this intense 4-hour class. All the material will be covered in this one class.

If you plan to attend and/or need childcare, contact Angie in the church office or email [angie@calvarydothan.com](mailto:angie@calvarydothan.com). Deadline to register for the class is Thursday, July 27. Deadline to register for childcare is Wednesday, July 26.

## Calvary Kids Volunteers

Calvary kids is assembling our 2023-24 volunteer staff for ministry beginning in August. There are multiple openings for positions on Sundays and Wednesdays. Let us introduce you to these extraordinary opportunities. Email: [zach@calvarydothan.com](mailto:zach@calvarydothan.com) or Call/Text: 334.733.6326

## Life Group Promotion Sunday

All preschool, children and student Life Groups will promote to their new class on Sunday, August 6.

## New Fall Open Classes Begin in September

Fall open classes will begin on Wednesday night September 6 and Sunday morning September 10. Look for the class line up in next week's bulletin.

## SABA Thee Store Needs Donations

The Southeast Alabama Baptist Association Thee Store is in need of summer clothing. Funds generated from Thee Store sales help to purchase food and provide assistance to the needy in the Houston County area. Donations are accepted Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3pm and Saturday, 9am-1pm and can be dropped off at 1306 Ross Clark Circle.

## Join us for our Christmas Reveal party!

We invite anyone interested in joining the worship ministry to attend this time of fellowship. We will listen to our upcoming Christmas music and enjoy a time of fellowship. Whether you are a part of, or interested in joining the choir, band, praise team or tech team, join us on Wednesday, August 9, 7-8:30pm in the Parlor. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert and make it “Christmassy”!

## Join the Worship Team!

If you are a singer and/or a musician and are interested in using your gifts to serve the church, this invitation is for you! We promise to train and equip you. All we ask is that you are humble and teachable. If you have questions, contact Rebekah McLure at [rebekah@calvarydothan.com](mailto:rebekah@calvarydothan.com).

## Interested in Playing Handbells?

Our Worship Ministry is planning to start handbells back this fall! If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please email [rebekah@calvarydothan.com](mailto:rebekah@calvarydothan.com). We will be working on music for the Christmas season.

## Citizens of Heaven

Fellow citizens with the saints.

Ephesians 2:19

What is meant by our being citizens in heaven? It means that we are *under heaven's government*. Christ, the King of Heaven, reigns in our hearts; our daily prayer is, “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”<sup>1</sup> The proclamations issued from the throne of glory are freely received by us: The decrees of the Great King we cheerfully obey.

Then as citizens of the New Jerusalem, *we share heaven's honors*. The glory that belongs to beatified saints belongs to us, for we are already sons of God, already princes of the blood imperial; already we wear the spotless robe of Jesus' righteousness; already we have angels for our servants, saints for our companions, Christ for our Brother, God for our Father, and a crown of immortality for our reward. We share the honors of citizenship, for we have come to the general assembly and the Church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

As citizens, we have *common rights to all the property of heaven*. Ours are its gates of pearl and walls of chrysolite, ours the azure light of the city that needs no candle nor light of the sun, ours the river of the water of life and the twelve kinds of fruit that grow on the trees planted on its banks; there is nothing in heaven that does not belong to us. “The present or the future”<sup>2</sup>—all is ours.

Also as citizens of heaven we *enjoy its delights*. Do they rejoice in heaven over sinners that repent-prodigals who have returned? So do we. Do they chant the glories of triumphant grace? We do the same. Do they cast their crowns at Jesus' feet? Such honors we have we cast there too. Are they charmed with His smile? It is just as sweet to us who live below. Do they look forward, waiting for His second advent? We also look and long for His appearing. If, then, we are *citizens of heaven*, let our walk and actions be consistent with our high dignity.

Devotional from *Morning and Evening*

Written by C. H. Spurgeon

<sup>1</sup> Matthew 6:10

<sup>2</sup> 1 Corinthians 3:22

## 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

July 16, 2023

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## July 16, 2023

### July Missions Spotlight

**Moses O. Odhiambo, Echoes of Mercy Mission (Global Missions Partner)**

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy, visit [facebook.com/eomkenya](https://facebook.com/eomkenya) or [echoesofmercy.org](https://echoesofmercy.org).

### The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the transforming love and power of Jesus. The Scriptures are their guide as they seek to serve all those in need, physically and spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Harbor, you can visit [theharbordothan.org](https://theharbordothan.org) or visit [facebook.com/theharbordothan](https://facebook.com/theharbordothan). Prayer needs for The Harbor can be found on prayer cards at the mission's kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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### THE PEOPLE CAME...

July 9

Life Group: 473  
10:00 Worship: 618  
Hispanic Church: 108  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 9: \$36,399.32  
Y-T-D Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): (\$131,013.16)

### 5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 29, July 16-23

- 1 Kings 19-21; 2 Chr 17; Ps 129; Matt 1
- 1 Kings 22; 2 Chr 18; Matt 2
- 2 Chron 19-20; 2 Kings 1; Ps 20; Matt 3
- 2 Kings 2-3; Ps 48; Matt 4
- 2 Kings 4-6; Matt 5

### Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building  
Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room  
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

### I'm New Here



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.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in one of the offering boxes when you exit the Fellowship Center.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table after the service for a gift from us!

### How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to [calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/](https://calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/messages](https://calvarydothan.com/messages).

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor  
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship  
Patrick Lima.....Worship  
Tommy Perry.....Missions

### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, July 16:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, July 22:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, July 23:

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### SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 19 | 6pm

*The Worship of the Holy*

Exodus 37

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, July 23 | 10am

*Surviving Babylon: 4 Lessons from Exile*

*Lesson 3: Relentlessly Trust in Christ*

Daniel 2:20-23, 44-45; 4:3; 5:23-30

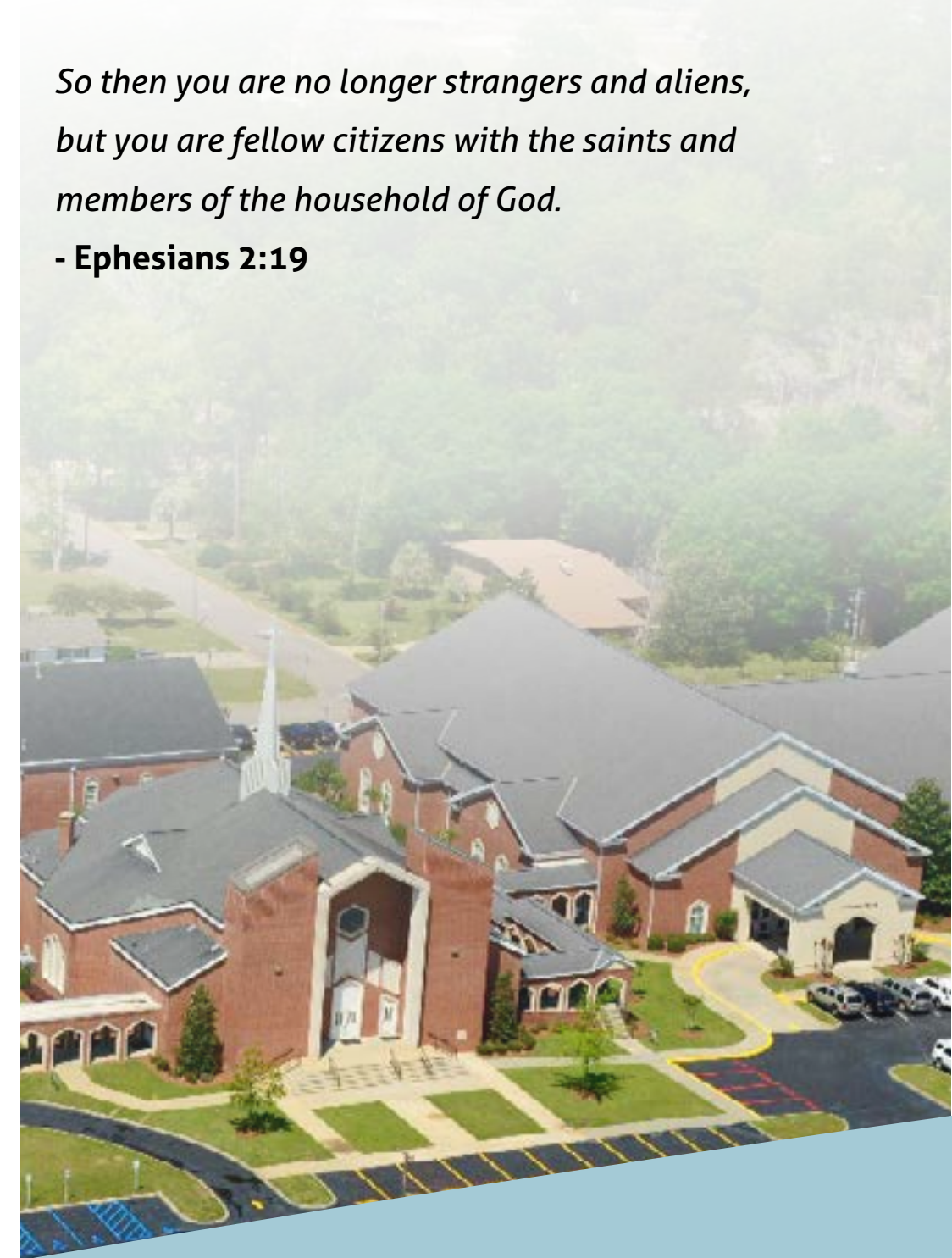
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### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor  
8:30am Life Group/Open Classes  
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)  
11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*

**- Ephesians 2:19**



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH