

The Temple, the Tree, and the Truth

Matthew 21:12-27

From the Streets to the Temple

This passage gives us three scenes:

- 1. A corrupt temple
- 2. A cursed tree
- 3. A contested authority

Act I: The Temple Encounters (Matthew 21:12–17)

The _____ of Jesus is on display ...

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

This is not the _____ Jesus of modern sentimentalism. This is the _____ Jesus.

But immediately after ...

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

After the _____ comes the _____.

This is not a contradiction. It is _____.

Holiness and mercy are not competing attributes in Jesus—they are harmonized in His person.

- To the willfully rebellious ...
- To the desperate and wounded ...

The _____ of God’s Temple is declared ...

¹³ He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

Jesus is not simply protesting injustice. He is _____.

Jesus as the _____ is demonstrated ...

“... the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

Jesus is not “reforming” the temple—He’s _____ it.

The _____, His body, is now the True Temple (1 Cor. 3:16–17).

Act II: The Cursed Tree (Matthew 21:18–22)

“... he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once.”

Jesus was not “frustrated”. He used the fig tree as a _____ of _____.

The tree represents _____ ...

Its fate mirrors the _____ ...

A note on “moving mountains”:

Act III: The Contested Authority of Jesus (Matthew 21:23–27)

“By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

Jesus’ response was not a _____. It was a _____.

No more _____ would be given them.

How should we respond today?

Don’t be afraid of _____.

Just be sure the tables you’re overturning are the right ones.

Don’t confuse _____ with _____.

Jesus confronted some and comforted others. Pray for _____ to do the same.

_____ for it is the new temple of God.

Let’s labor for its _____ and its _____.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
August 10, 2025

Sunday, August 10

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Steven Wilson
Psalm 65:4

⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Our God Saves

Psalm 100:4-5

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

House Of The Lord

Give Us Clean Hands

Scripture Reading & Prayer Dan Tankersley
Psalm 23

²³ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Offering

Goodness Love and Mercy

MessagePaul Thompson
The Temple, the Tree, and the Truth
Matthew 21:12-27

The Heart of Worship

Benediction Tommy Perry
2 Corinthians 13:14
¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerPaul Thompson

Saved My Soul

How Great Is Our God

Missions Report..... Tommy Perry
Guatemala; Portland, OR; Kenya

Message Tommy Perry

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Summer Missions Recap & Fellowship

August 10 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Our Sunday evening service will feature reports from Guatemala, Oregon, and Kenya.

Following the service join us for a pizza and dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Center.

Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, August 17 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

Panel Discussion: Waiting on God - Living by the truth of God's character when my own story feels unclear

Senior Adult Mid-month

Thursday, August 21 | 11am | Parlor

Jed Downs will be speaking. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

Pray4Dothan Initiative: Join Us in United Prayer

Calvary is excited to participate in the **Pray4Dothan** initiative — a citywide effort to seek the Lord's guidance, peace, and blessing over our community.

We are looking for **20 individuals** (two groups of 10) to commit to praying **at the corner of 231 N. and Westgate Parkway, Monday-Wednesday, August 18-20, from 7:30-8:00am.**

Let’s join together in visible, faithful prayer for our city.

If you are committed to participating or want more details, contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com.

Kindergarten Openings at Calvary Preschool & Kindergarten

Calvary Preschool & Kindergarten still has a few openings available in our Kindergarten class! If you're looking for a Christ-centered, nurturing environment where your child can grow academically, spiritually, and socially, we would love to welcome you. For more information or to register, contact Jaci at jaci@calvarydothan.com.

Labor Day Weekend Schedule

Sunday, August 31

No Life Group

8:30am Senior Adult Recognition Breakfast, Parlor

10am Worship, Sanctuary

No PM Worship

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
August 10, 2025

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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August Missions Spotlight

Greg & Michelle Woodward (Faith Baptist Church, New Orleans)

The Woodward and Faith Baptist family desire to see all people from every tribe and tongue worship as one and live according to the foundation of the life-giving Gospel of God's grace. Pray for them as they are dedicated to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the community of New Orleans. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of the Woodwards in New Orleans, visit faithneworleans.com. If you are interested in knowing how to pray for the Woodwards and Faith Baptist, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Girard Elementary and Dothan 6th Grade Center (Neighborhood Schools)

We are desirous that God would give us much wisdom and favor as we seek ways (on their school campus) to best serve and influence, for the sake of the Gospel, the students, and families at both schools. As school resumes, pray for the teachers, staff, and administrators that they may be able to teach well and lead with excellence, despite the numerous challenges they face daily. Members of Calvary will also be tutoring once again through the Bright Key Program at Dothan 6th Grade Center. If you are interested in knowing more about tutoring opportunities at D6, contact Tommy at tommy@calvarydothan.com. Prayer cards are located at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

August 3
Life Group: 571
10:00 Worship: 691
Hispanic Church: 113
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given August 3: \$72,670.09
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$143,596.34) as of 06/30/25

BIBLE READING PLAN

August 10-16
Ps 96-98, Rom 12
Ps 99-101, Rom 13
Ps 102-104, Rom 14
Ps 105-106, Rom 15:1-21
Ps 107-108, Rom 15:22-33
Ps 109-112, Rom 16-1 Cor 1

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
Childcare for Babies-3

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. Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer 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/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson Senior Pastor
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Jed Downs Dave Lindey Ian Worrell

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 17

10am
Parables of Judgment
Matthew 21:28-46
Message by Paul Thompson

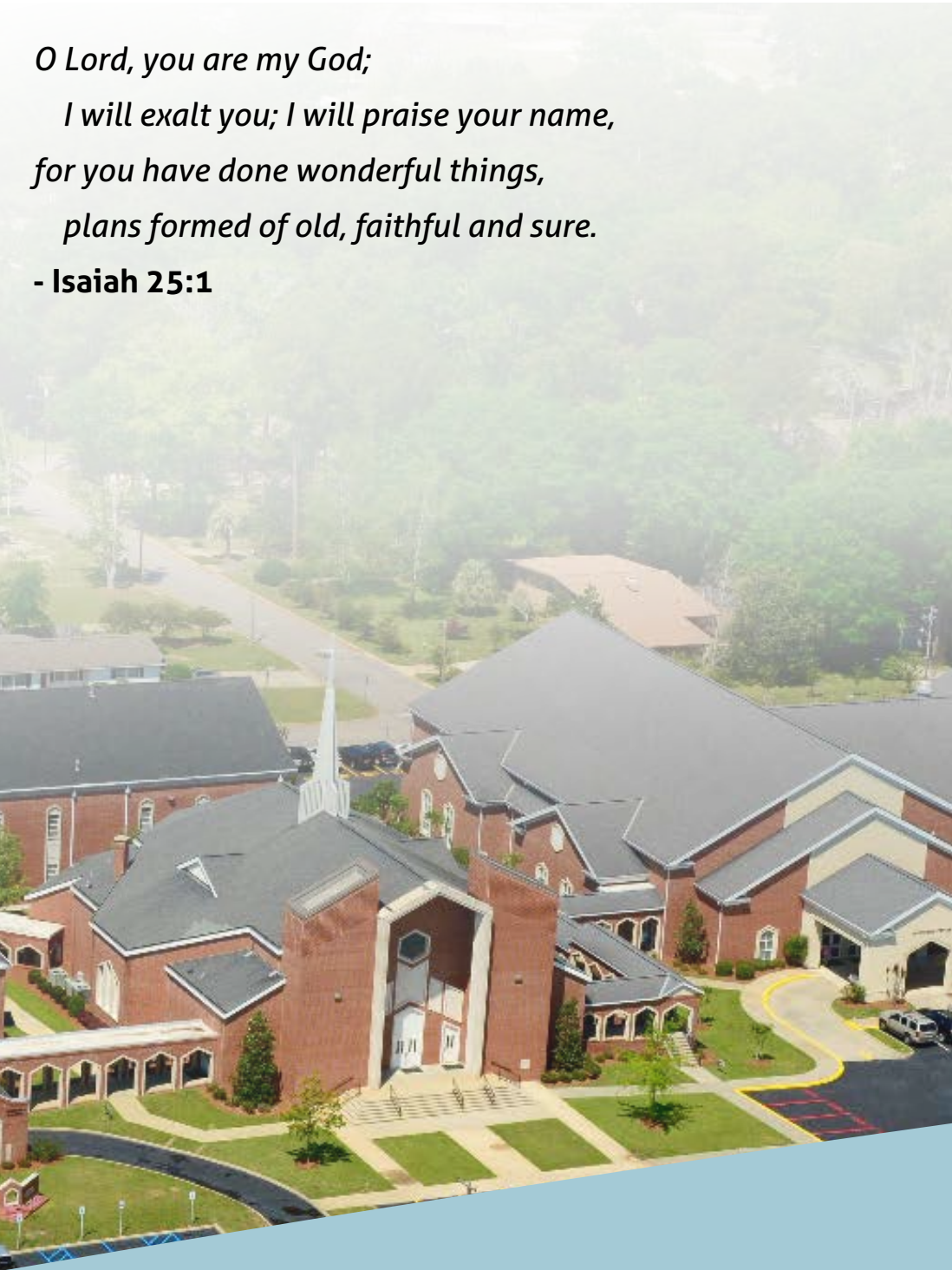
5pm
The Attitude of Servitude
Message by Sherrill Tillery

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, & ESL
Classes
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

- Isaiah 25:1



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BAPTIST CHURCH