

Loving God When Disciplined by Him

2 Samuel 24:1-25; Psalm 30:1-5

David’s Drift into Self Reliance – 2 Samuel 24:1–9

“Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.”
“Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.” (1 Chronicles 21:1)
God is the _____ cause.
He has determined to judge Israel. This event unfolds under His sovereign will.
Satan is the _____ instrument.
He provokes and incites, acting with intent but always under God’s authority.
David is the _____ agent.
He chooses, acts, and is accountable.

There is another layer to David’s sin. God had already given explicit instruction for a census:

“When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his life to the LORD... that there be no plague among them when you number them... Each one who is numbered... shall give this: half a shekel... to make atonement for your lives.” (Exodus 30:12–15)
This explains why the judgment takes the form it does.

The Weight of Divine Discipline – v. 10-17

“But David’s heart struck him after he had numbered the people.”
“I have sinned greatly in what I have done... I have acted very foolishly.”
_____ begins when _____ end.

God then sends Gad with three options. Each exposes the same misplaced confidence.
God targets the _____ of the sin.

“Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great...”
“The LORD sent a pestilence... seventy thousand men died.”

This is precise _____.
Then _____ interrupts: “It is enough; now stay your hand.”

The Necessity of Atonement – v. 18-25

Mercy has _____ wrath.
It has not yet _____ it.
“And Gad came that day to David and said to him, ‘Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.’”
The same God who brought discipline now directs David to the place where restoration will occur.

That place is an _____.
God is establishing a pattern in history:
Where _____ brings judgment, God provides _____.
Where _____ is deserved, God makes a way for it to be _____.

How do you respond when God deals with you like this?

Loving God Under Discipline – Psalm 30:1–5

- 1. You _____ God, not _____ Him
“I will extol you...”
- 2. You interpret discipline as _____
“You have drawn me up...”
- 3. You trust the _____ of His _____
“His anger is but for a moment...”
- 4. You anchor yourself in _____
“His favor is for a lifetime”
- 5. You _____ with confidence in _____
“Weeping... joy comes”

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
March 22, 2026

Sunday, March 22

10am Worship

Come Praise and Glorify
Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Tommy Perry
Psalm 30:1-5
30 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. 3 O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. 4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. 5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
All I Have Is Christ
I Will Glory In My Redeemer
Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication..... Charles Uptain
Psalm 131
131 O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. 3 O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.
Offering
O Great God
Message Paul Thompson
Loving God When Disciplined By Him
2 Samuel 24:1-25; Psalm 30:1-5

Have Thine Own Way
BenedictionJed Downs
Hebrews 12:5-11
5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

5pm Worship

Scripture ReadingJosh Robertson
1 Peter 5:5b-7
5 ... Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.
All The Earth.....Children's Choir
Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....Children's Choir
Better Than Life.....Children's Choir
Corporate PrayerJosh Robertson
Message Charles Uptain
High Above All — But Near to the Humble
Psalm 138

To God Be The Glory

Spring Missions Offering | Goal \$100,000
One-third of the offering will support the North American Mission Board through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering helps fund missionaries and church planting efforts throughout the United States, Canada, and U.S. territories including Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. The remaining two-thirds of the offering will support Calvary’s own church planting partnerships. One-third will go to **East Avenue Baptist Church in Ozark**, and one-third will go to **Neighborhood Church in New York**. These churches are working to share the gospel and establish strong, biblical congregations in their communities.

Palm Sunday Night of Worship
Sunday, March 29 | 5pm | Sanctuary
Join us for a Night of Worship as we gather to praise the Lord through music and song.

Good Friday Service
April 3 | 12noon | Sanctuary
Join us for a time of worship as we reflect on Christ’s sacrifice and atonement. Together we will sing, hear the Word, and share in communion as we remember His gift of redemption.

Hope Explored
Sundays, April 12, 19 & 26 | 8:30am | Parlor
After Easter, continue exploring the hope of the gospel through Hope Explored, a 3-week course designed to help you discover the lasting hope found in Jesus. This class is ideal for those who are curious about Christianity. Reserve your spot: calvarydothan.com/hope-explored Invite a friend and come celebrate the hope we have in Christ.

SABA Women's Gathering
Monday, April 13 | Calvary Fellowship Center
This is for women of all ages, whether new in faith or seasoned believers, who desire encouragement, truth, and connection. Drawing from John 15, this year’s gathering will encourage women to abide in Christ, be firmly planted where God has placed them, and live faithful, fruitful lives for His glory. Dinner begins at 5pm and worship begins at 6:15pm. Text "ROOTED" TO 334-794-6281 to register by April 8. Cost is \$15 by March 16, and \$20 after.

Invite Someone to Easter
Easter is one of the most meaningful times of the year to invite someone to church. Many people who may not attend regularly are often open to coming to a special service when a friend or family member invites them. To help make inviting easy, invite cards are available for you to pick up and share. You can find them at the Next Steps Table and in the Fellowship Center foyer. Take a few and begin praying about who you might invite.

Mission Trip Opportunity
Portland, OR | June 20-27
Purpose: VBS & working with Solid Rock Baptist Church Team Leader: Randy Hunt (334) 791-7986

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

March 22, 2026

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

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

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

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March Missions Spotlight

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes (Local Mission Partner)

The Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries purpose is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. They desire to see children and families experience hope and wholeness through knowing God.

To learn about their ministry efforts, contact Kim McGainey at kmcgainey@alabamachild.org, visit alabamachild.org, or follow on Facebook at facebook.com/alabamachild/. To learn specific ways to pray for the ministry work of ABCH, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

José and Areli Pérez (Missioteca / Global Mission Partner)

Missioteca is a collection of missional initiatives dedicated to eradicating theological famine in the Global South. Through Missioteca, José and Areli partner with local churches in Guatemala to nurture, equip, and guide them toward becoming healthy, thriving congregations grounded in sound doctrine and faithful ministry.

To learn about the mission work of Missioteca or the Pérez family, visit missioteca.org or email José at jose@missioteca.org. To learn specific ways to pray for the Pérez family, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

March 15

Life Group: 483
10:00 Worship: 710
5:00 Worship: 125
East Avenue Church: 123
Hispanic Church: 121
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given March 15: \$54,161.03
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$26,883.67)
as of 02/28/26
Spring Missions Offering Y-T-D:
\$18,170.00

BIBLE READING PLAN

March 22-28

- Ps 81, Ex 26, Neh 7, Rom 16
- Ps 82, Ex 27:1-19, Neh 8, 1 Cor 1:1-17
- Ps 83, Ex 27:20-28:43, Neh 9, 1 Cor 1:18-31
- Ps 84, Ex 29, Neh 10, 1 Cor 2
- Ps 85, Ex 30-31, Neh 11:1-12:26, 1 Cor 3
- Ps 86, Ex 32, Neh 12:27-47, 1 Cor 4
- Ps 87, Ex 33, Neh 13, 1 Cor 5

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups
- 10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
- 5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
Childcare for Babies-K3

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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Sunday, March 29:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29

10am

Loving God to the End

2 Samuel 22; 1 Kings 2:1-4

Message by Reagan Farris

5pm Worship

Palm Sunday Night of Worship

Message by Don Mills

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

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives."

- Hebrews 12:6



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BAPTIST CHURCH