

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday March 15th, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Malachi 2:17-3:6

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



Spurgeon's Sorrows: Zack Eswine draws from C.H Spurgeon's experience of depression to encourage us. What Spurgeon found in his darkness can serve as a light in our own darkness.

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:11

Middle Elementary:

"You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbour's." Exodus 20:17

Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

<u>Monday</u>	Van Galen, Sam
<u>Tuesday</u>	Warankie, Diane
<u>Wednesday</u>	Warankie, Pat & Danielle
<u>Thursday</u>	Watson, Leroy & Gay
<u>Friday</u>	Ynema, Ron & Willie
<u>Saturday</u>	Arnold, Nelson & Heather Grace, Michael, Elizabeth

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

- Monday: Youth Group – 6:30 pm
- Tuesday: Men’s Bible Study – 9:30 am
- Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
- Saturday: Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 am
Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30 am
Ladies’ Fellowship Meeting
- Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Ladies’ Fellowship: The next Ladies’ Fellowship event will be here at Rosedale on March 21st. Lunch will be provided from the Mandarin. Today is the deadline to sign up and give your \$10 to Gloria Latulippe

Membership Classes: Membership Classes will be starting after Easter! If you are interested in Believer’s Baptism or Church Membership please speak with Pastor John.

Open Arms Food Collection: For the month of March we will be collecting canned fruit.

Parent’s Meeting: Our annual meeting for Junior Church parents and grandparents will be held on March 22nd immediately following the service.

Elisha House Fundraiser: The ‘Hiding Place Ballet Magnificat’ will be presented here in Welland at Rose City Kids Theatre on March 16 with the proceeds going towards the work of Elisha House. If you’d like to get tickets please contact Elisha House tomorrow!

Be Careful What You Wish For

Malachi 2:17–3:5

- The fourth dispute between God and His people as recorded by the Prophet Malachi is a dispute about Divine Justice and Human Suffering

I. Justice Demanded (2:17)

- 1) The Problem of Evil
 - a. If God is really good and just, why do ‘good’ people suffer injustice in this world?
 - b. Israel struggled deeply with the problem of evil upon their return from exile
- 2) Israel’s Theodicy: Two ‘wearying’ answers for the Problem of Evil
 - a. Answer 1: Maybe God is evil
 - b. Answer 2: Maybe God doesn’t care

Application: Because we live in a fallen world that is permeated by sin, we are all confronted with the hard reality of evil and suffering: Why do wicked people seem to prosper and good people seem to suffer? Like Israel, we demand instant justice– but do we really understand what we’re asking for??

II. Justice Served (3:1)

- 1) Preparation for God’s Justice - John the Baptist
 - a. God’s promise to send ‘Elijah’ before the Day of God’s Judgment – Malachi 4:5; Isaiah 40
 - b. John the Baptist came in the Spirit and Power of Elijah with a message of warning for Israel– Luke 1:11; Matthew 3:1-12
- 2) Initiation of God’s Justice: Jesus’ first coming
 - a. Jesus’ comes to the Temple (v. 1)
 - i. As a child– Luke 2:22-40
 - ii. As a judge – John 2:13-22

- b. Jesus denounces religious hypocrisy – “*For judgment I came into this world...*” John 9:39
 - 3) Consummation of Divine Justice: Jesus’ second coming
 - a. Jesus will one day execute an unparalleled judgment on His enemies – Revelation 19
 - b. Jesus will judge all of humanity at the Great White Throne– Revelation 20; Matthew 24
 - c. Jesus comes to His true Temple - Rev 21:22
- Application:** God’s ultimate answer to the Problem of Evil is the coming of Jesus Christ! God’s Judgment of evil has been foreshadowed in history (ie. Noah’s flood, Joshua’s conquest), it was initiated at Jesus’ first coming, and it will be fully consummated when Jesus returns for the second time. Are you ready to face God’s justice??

III. Justice Spared (3:2-6)

- “Who can endure the day of His coming?” (v. 2)
- a. With God’s Justice- Nobody!
 - i. God justice does not discriminate when it comes to sin – all human sin will be judged at the Great White Throne
 - ii. Israel cried out for God’s justice, but was blinded by her own sin (v. 5)
 - iii. Because we have all sinned, the entire human race is under God’s wrath
 - b. With God’s Grace – Those who trust in Christ!
 - i. Jesus lived the sinless life that we can’t live
 - ii. Jesus paid the death penalty for all believers – God’s judgment fell on Jesus so that grace and mercy could fall on us!
 - iii. God’s fire consumes sin but refines silver
- Application:** We want justice, but God offers us grace instead. Only those who trust in Jesus Christ will be able to stand firm in God’s coming judgment.