

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday October 23, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Job 1-2

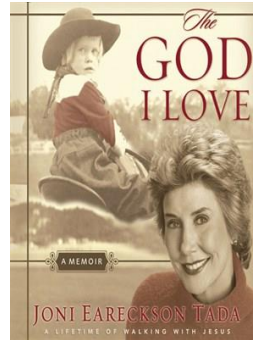
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

SUFFERING AND SOVEREIGNTY

Final Song

Benediction

Featured in the Rosedale Library:



‘The God I Love’- A memoir by Joni Eareckson Tada. More than three decades ago, a diving accident left Joni a quadriplegic. Back then she questioned how a loving God could condemn an active young woman to a lifetime in a wheelchair. Today she is grateful. Because it’s from this vantage point that Joni has discovered a God who is so magnificent that no circumstance, no matter how terrible, can separate her – or you – from his fierce, tender, and enduring love.

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

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| <u>Monday</u> | Fidler, Gail
Bella, Kayla |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Gagnon, Denise |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Gilbert, Roger & Natasha
Abigail, Sabrina |
| <u>Thursday</u> | Goulet, Don |
| <u>Friday</u> | Gyugyei, Andy & Hilda |

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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“The problem of reconciling human suffering with the existence of a God who loves is only insoluble so long as we attach a trivial meaning to the word ‘love’ and look on things as if man were the centre of them. Man is not the centre. God does not exist for the sake of man. Man does not exist for his own sake.”

– C.S. Lewis (The Problem of Pain)

This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christianity Explored – 9:00 am
Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Movie Night: 'Luther': On October 31, 1517 a German monk named Martin Luther inadvertently started a movement that would change the world forever. In Celebration of 'Reformation Day', we will be watching the movie 'Luther' next Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies' Fellowship: On Saturday November 5th, 11 am we will be hosting a Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon with special guest Carolanne Lovegrove who will sing and share her testimony. Cost is \$8 and you must sign up by October 30th.

Anniversary Sunday: On November 13th we celebrate 78 years of God's faithfulness to Rosedale. Pastor Jim Reese will be with us to minister the Word. Pastor Reese has a long history within our Fellowship as an Evangelist, and as the Senior Pastor of Benton Street Baptist in Kitchener. He is also the founder of the parachurch ministry 'Christian Horizons'.

Guyana Clothing Drive: Next Sunday (October 30th) will be the final day for used clothing donations. Thank you to everyone who has generously supported this project.

Suffering and Sovereignty - Job 1-2

I. Job's Character (1:1-5)

- 1) He was a Gentile
 - a. 'Uz' located in Edom (Southeast of Israel)
 - b. Numerous clues indicate that Job lived during the time of the Patriarchs (2000 BC)
 - c. The speeches in Job are poetic compositions, but the man and his plight is historical (cf. Ezekiel 14:20; James 5:11)
- 2) He was a Righteous Man (v.1, cf. 1:8, 2:3)
 - a. Job was not a sinless man, but he was a righteous man who knew and loved God
 - b. Job was sensitive to sin and functioned as a Priest in his family (vv. 4-5)
- 3) He was a Wealthy Man (vv. 2-3)

Application:

- The righteous and blameless character of Job is essential to the problem presented to us in this book – 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' 'Innocent suffering' is not an illusion – it is real, and followers of God are not immune to suffering.
- It is essential for every Christian to develop a Biblical theology of suffering and divine sovereignty before the storms of life come so that we will worship God in our suffering, and not curse Him because of our suffering

II. Job's Calamity (1:6 - 2:8)

- 1) The Heavenly Challenge
 - a. Curtain is pulled back on the heavenly throne room where the King is holding court
 - i. 'Sons of God' = angelic beings
 - ii. Satan (or 'the Satan') = the 'accuser'. Several other Biblical texts reveal Satan to be a fallen angel known as the 'devil'.
 - iii. Although Satan is a fallen outcast who 'roams' the earth, he is also accountable to God and thus appears in the heavenly court

- iv. There is no evidence to suggest that Job ever discovered what went on behind the scenes between God and Satan
 - b. It is God, not Satan who first draws attention to Job's righteousness (v. 8). Job's time of testing has been initiated by God Himself
 - c. Satan's Challenge: Righteous people treasure God's gifts, rather than God Himself
 - i. Job is not the main person on trial
 - ii. God is on trial– is He truly worthy to be worshipped and treasured by His people?
- 2) The Earthly Calamity
 - a. Satan's 1st request– removal of Job's earthly and material blessings (vv. 13-19)
 - i. Human evil – Sabeans and Chaldean raiders
 - ii. Natural disasters – lightning and tornado
 - b. Satan's 2nd request – removal of health (vv. 7-8)

Application:

- We must banish from our thinking any kind of pagan 'dualism' that sees Satan as the evil counterpart of God. Satan is a created being who is subservient to God. He can do absolutely nothing that God does not permit. From beginning to end, the book of Job upholds God's complete sovereignty over all things - including Satan.

III. Job's Choice (1:20-22; 2:9-10)

- 1) The Choice to Worship God in Suffering (vv. 20-22)
 - a. Worship does not mean that we can't grieve in our suffering or express our deep emotion
 - b. Worship recognizes that God does not owe us anything - grace is a gift, not an obligation
- 2) The Choice to Bless God and not to Curse (vv. 9-10)
 - a. Job's wife becomes a mouthpiece for Satan (v. 9)
 - b. Had Job given into this temptation he would have proved Satan's original thesis: the righteous love God because of His gifts

Application: When tragedy strikes grieve and mourn, but do not curse! Every trial we experience is from God and serves a good purpose in His grand plan.