

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday November 6, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Job 3

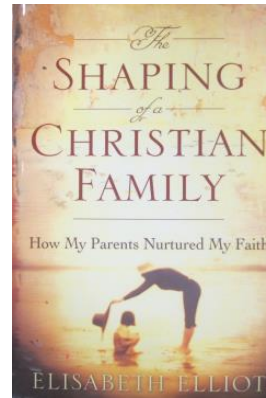
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

A GRIEF OBSERVED

Lord's Supper

Benediction

Featured in the Rosedale Library:



'The Shaping of a Christian Family'- A book by Elisabeth Elliot. Through the stories of her parents, grandparents, and siblings, Elliot extols the importance of obedience, prayer, and forgiveness, among other lessons she learned as a child.

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Johnson, Hazel
<u>Tuesday</u>	Jones, Ronald
<u>Wednesday</u>	Kaczmarek, Tom & Huguette
<u>Thursday</u>	Kaune, Ashley
<u>Friday</u>	Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa
<u>Saturday</u>	Labbe, Gilles & Yvonne

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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“Were you ever in the melting pot, dear friends? I have been there, and my sermons with me, and my frames and feelings, and all my good works. They seemed to quite fill the pot till the fire burned up, and then I looked to see what there was unconsumed; and if it had not been that I had a simple faith in my Lord Jesus Christ, I am afraid I should not have found anything left.... The result of melting is that we arrive at a true valuation of things [and] we are poured out into a new and better fashion. And, oh, we may almost wish for the melting-pot if we may but get rid of the dross, if we may but be pure, if we may but be fashioned more completely like unto our Lord!”

— C.H. Spurgeon

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.

A Grief Observed - Job 3

I. Job's Calamity (Review – Chapters 1 & 2)

- 1) Job was a truly righteous man - shows us that 'innocent suffering' is a real phenomenon (ie. Job's suffering was not in proportion to his deeds)
- 2) Job endured the two main categories of evil:
 - a. Natural evil – fire, tornado, disease
 - b. Moral Evil – theft & murder
- 3) Job's trial was initiated by God Himself (cf. 1:8; 2:3)
 - a. Satan operates under God's sovereign rule and can do nothing apart from God's permission
 - b. To say that God initiated/ ordained Job's trial is not to say that God tempted Job with evil
 - c. Job understood and acknowledged God's sovereignty within His trial (cf. 1:21; 2:10)

Application:

- The Prologue of Job (chapters 1-2) ends with a tremendous spiritual victory over Satan: Job worships God in the midst of suffering and refuses to curse Him – a prefiguring of Christ's work on the cross!

II. Job's Cursing (2:11- 3:10)

- 1) Seven Days of Silence (2:11-13)
 - a. Job's three friends are introduced
 - b. Job's tremendous grief and pain is emphasized
- 2) Job Breaks His Silence with Bitter Cursing (3:1-10)
 - a. Job curse is not directed toward God, but rather toward his circumstances
 - b. Chapter 3 is a very dark 'lament' – similar to Psalm 44, Psalm 88 and Jeremiah 20:14-18
- 3) Nature of Job's Curse
 - a. Job curses the day he was born
 - b. Job curses the night he was conceived (*Aside: Human life/ personhood begins at conception!*)
 - c. Job sarcastically invites pagan sorcerers to join him in cursing by rousing Leviathan
 - i. Imagery of Darkness and Blackness suggests the undoing of God's creative work

- ii. Leviathan – a mythical sea creature associated with chaos and destruction in the Ancient Near East

III. Job's Questioning (3:11-23)

- 1) Painful Trials Cause us to ask the Most Difficult Kinds of Questions – 'Why?'
 - a. 'Why was I born?' (vv. 11 – 19)
 - i. Job suffering is so great that he feels his life has no purpose or meaning
 - ii. Job envies the still-born child
 - iii. Job sees death as preferable to life
 - Information about the afterlife was progressively revealed by God
 - Job did not have a detailed understanding of heaven and hell – although there are glimmers of hope later on (19:25-26)
 - b. 'Why doesn't God take my life?' (vv. 20-23)
 - i. Satan saw God's 'hedging in' of Job as a blessing (cf. 1:10). Job sees it as a curse.
 - ii. Job desperately wants to die, but there is no suggestion that suicide is an option

Implications/ Application:

- Being in God's will does not mean we will never go through intense depression, suffering and pain. It is not always 'well with my soul' (vv. 24-26)

- True believers will sometimes deeply wrestle with doubts about God and disappointment with God

- In some situations our best expression of worship and faith is to cry out in lament. Scripture condemns blasphemy of God, but it encourages honesty with God.

- Affirmation of God's complete sovereignty is not to be confused with stoic fatalism. To bear the image of God is to express a full range of emotion

- Often the best way to comfort someone in severe pain is not to offer answers, but just to be there

- We sometimes feel forsaken by God, but Jesus was forsaken by God on the cross! In your trial never forget that the sovereign God is also the suffering God.