

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 18, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Advent Candle: 'Love' .... John & Sandy MacPherson

Junior Church Presentation

Family Prayer

Scripture ..... Job 38-42

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## OUT OF THE WHIRLWIND

Benediction

### God Moves in A Mysterious Way

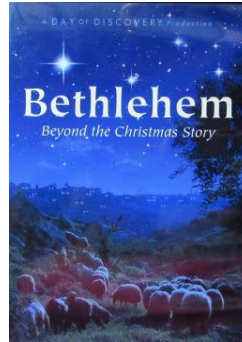
by William Cowper (1774)

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

### Featured in the Rosedale Library:



#### **Bethlehem: Beyond the Christmas Story (DVD)**

Journey through key locations throughout Bethlehem to gain a better understanding of the compassion God has for the world in sending us the gift of His Son.

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### Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Turton, Gerald & Melanie
- Tuesday** Turton, Geoff & Kim
- Wednesday** Turton, Geoff Jr & Zoe
- Thursday** Walton, Joan
- Friday** Warankie, Diane  
Peyton, Broderick
- Saturday** Warankie, Pat & Danielle

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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## This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday: Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

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**Junior Church Presentation:** This morning our children from Junior Church will be singing Christmas Carols as part of the worship service. Special thanks to Joelle Lehoux and Susan Dube for helping the children prepare.

**Christmas Eve/ Christmas Day:** Because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year we will not be holding a Christmas Eve service. We will have our regular worship service on Christmas Day (10:30am), but will not meet for Christian Foundations.

**Christmas Lunch:** If you do not have plans for Christmas Day, we would invite you to stay for a turkey lunch after the service next week. Sign up in the foyer or speak to Esther Denis.

**Rosedale Youth Ministry:** Beginning on January 18<sup>th</sup> we will be re-launching a weekly youth program for ages 10 and up. This group will be co- led by Nick Sarides and Linda Gibbs and will meet every Friday evening at 7pm. If you'd like more information please speak with either Nick or Linda.

**Open Arms Food Collection:** For the month of December we a be collecting dry pasta for the ministry of Open Arms. All non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bin located in the front foyer.

## Out of the Whirlwind - Job 38-42

### I. God's Rebuke (Chapters 38-41)

- 1) God's Appearance (Theophany)
  - a. God speaks to Job 'out of the whirlwind'
    - i. A visible sign of God's power and wrath (cf. Exodus 19:18, 1 Samuel 2:10; Psalm 77:18; Hebrews 12:29; Revelation 4:5)
    - ii. A wind storm has already resulted in the death of his children, and Job suggests that God will destroy him in the same way (cf. 30:21-23)
    - iii. God's purpose in this theophany is not to destroy Job, but to correct and restore him (cf. I Kings 19:11-13)
- 2) God's Challenge to Job
  - a. Imagery of a wrestling match (38:3, 40:7)
  - b. God brings specific accusations against Job, but not in the way that Job was expecting (cf. 31:35)
    - i. Job is not suffering because he sinned, but he has sinned in his suffering
    - ii. In his suffering Job has ignorantly doubted God's wisdom (38:1-2)
    - iii. In his suffering Job has spoken sinfully against God's justice (40:8)
  - c. Round 1: God reveals His complete sovereignty over the natural realm (Chapters 38-39)
    - i. God is sovereign over the cosmos (38:4-38)
    - ii. God is sovereign over the Animal Kingdom (38:39 – 39:30)
  - d. Round 2: God reveals His complete sovereignty over the moral realm (Chapters 40-41)
    - i. Behemoth and Leviathan are most likely ancient creatures that are now extinct
    - ii. In the literature and mythology of Job's culture these creatures frequently represent chaos and the forces of evil – powers that only God can control and restrain

### Application:

- It is impossible to fear the Lord/attain divine wisdom if we do not recognize the distinction between the Creator and the Creation.  
- Like Job, we sometimes believe that we know better than God, and could do a better job running the world if we were given the chance. God is reminding us that we are severely limited in both knowledge and power  
- Our inability to understand God's plan in nature (ie. Rain falling where no one lives, Creation of a bird that appears to lack wisdom, etc.), proves that we can never understand Him or His ways completely. God is far greater than our puny minds can possibly comprehend. Learn to get comfortable with mystery!

### II. Job's Repentance and Restoration (Chapter 42)

- 1) Job's Initial Response (40:3-5)
  - a. Job is silenced and humbled before God
  - b. He promises not to speak further but does not retract what he's already said about God.
- 2) Job's Final Response (42:1-6)
  - a. Job retracts his sinful words and repents completely from his arrogance
  - b. Through his ordeal of suffering and humiliation, Job has come to know God in a profound way
- 3) Job's Final Test
  - a. God condemns the false theology of Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar (note: Elihu isn't mentioned)
  - b. God gives Job an opportunity to forgive these men and to act as their priest

### Application Points:

- The proper response to suffering is humility and trust. As Christians we must trust God's wisdom rather than demanding answers for all of our 'why' questions.  
- God runs the world according to His sovereign wisdom, not according to human ideas about justice and fairness. If God insisted on strict and immediate justice, there would be no room for grace toward sinners.  
- Not every story has a happy ending in this world

- When you suffer as a Christian, do not assume that God is punishing you for sin. Receive suffering as a Father's instruction that will ultimately be for your spiritual benefit (Hebrews 12:5-11)