

The Goal is Goodness, not Greatness! by C. Fortner

Deuteronomy 15:4-6 "...for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you...if only you will strictly obey the voice of the Lord...being careful to do all this commandment...For the LORD your God will bless you,...and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you. "(The national debt of the USA is over 19 trillion dollars, 5 trillion of which is owed to foreign countries).

Of course the promise of Dt. 15 was made specifically to the ancient nation of Israel, but the principle of submission to God's rule over all nations has a lasting and universal relevance. For instance, Daniel gave economic advice based on righteousness to wicked King Nebuchadnezzar. "Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you:

Break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity." Daniel 4:27. Babylon had numerous sins that their king might have focused on amputating from public life. After all, it was an idolatrous nation. It is most interesting that Daniel was led by the Spirit to instruct the king to begin with showing mercy to the oppressed. In the Old Testament that word consistently refers to the economically oppressed. In Israel it meant the poor, widows, orphans, and immigrants. It surely applies to all kinds of oppression, but human history is cluttered with sins against the economically oppressed. Daniel's advice indicates that government has a place in preventing such sins, and that this God may prosper those nations that try to help the economically oppressed.

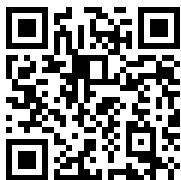
Events

7/9 Ladies Missionary Society
9:00 AM

7/10 Malawi Offering
7/14 7th/8th Bible Study
7:00 PM

7/15 Flourisher's Pathway
To Freedom 6:00 PM

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Upcoming Events



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Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Andy Dunkerton
Opening Hymn	#219 Blessing and Honor
Scripture Reading	Luke 12:1-12, page 871
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	#542 Jesus the Very Thought of Thee
Preparatory	The Power of the Cross

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life – “Finished!” the vic'try cry.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Sermon **Pastor Gary Hendrix**

Evening Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Charles Fortner
Opening Hymn	#133 O For a Thousand Tongues
Scripture Reading	Romans 1:15-32, page 939
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams; now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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Preparatory	#217 Look Ye Saints the Sight is
	Glorious
Sermon	Pastor Stu Johnston