EVENING SERMON TEXT:  **Joshua 24**

Joshua 24 will serve as an **introduction to the preaching series in the book of Judges.** The closing chapter in the bok of Joshua contains his final sermon to Israel.

His sermon is a recounting of Israel’s History. In particular God’s redemptive acts. Since God is Israel’s redeemer. Joshua calls the people to serve the Lord alone and not the Idols of their forfathers or the nations around them.

Joshua leads by example and commits to serve the Lord with his family. He chalenges the people when they commit to serve the Lord. He tests them and also demonstrates the seriousness of his call to serve the Lord. “You will not be able to serve the Lord.” (v 19).

At the End of the book of Judges we see Israel had become like Sodom and Gommorah. What will God do with his people who had forsaken him. Israel had failed in their commitment to serve the Lord. Will God destroy his people like he did with Sodom and Gommorah?

The book of Judges will show us that God’s mercy to his people is part of his righteous plan of redemption. How can a holy and just God, also be merciful to people who have become as wicked as the world?

We learn that God is both just and merciful. God had not forsaken his people as they have forsaken him. God can do this, because Jesus had paid the price for sin. He experienced the forsaking of God the his people deserved.

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***Ps 111:1* ​***Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

**18 April 2021**

**Morning Service 10:00**

Text: **1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**Evening Service 17:30**

Text: **Joshua 24**

***WEEKLY PROGRAMME***

***Sunday 25 April***

***9h00 Adult Bible Class***

***10h00 Morning Worship***

***17h30 Evening Worship***

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***Wednesday 21 April***

***18h00 Fellowship 18h30 Bible Study***

***Saturday 24 April***

***7h00 Prayer meeting***

**PRAYER ITEMS**

* Thank the Lord for his faithfulness to his people. God is both Good and Sovereign. He works all thing together for the good of his people (Rom 8:28-39)

***1Tim 2:1-2*** *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.*

* Pray for all earthly authorities as God commands us, and for his people to submit to and trust the Lord in all things.
* Pray for the local church, and our obedience to the Lord in all things. Especially our service among one another.
* The biblical family is under many threats daily.
* Pray for the men of the congregation to grow in the knowledge and grace of Christ, so that we will have more godly Men, Husbands and Fathers (1 Pet 3:7)
* Pray for the women to excel in good works and to cultivate a quiet and gentle spirit in the Church. (1 Tim 2:11)
* Missionaries: Pray for God’s word to reach all men, and for God to provide for every need of His people according to His wisdom. Especially pray for…
* Barry & Julia Funnell (Children: Lisa, Timothy & Daniel) - Word for the world- UK– translating the Bible.
* Jako & Amber (Jakob & Jeremiah). Mission of Love Orphanage in Kalomo, Zambia.

**If there are any specific prayer requests from anyone in the church please send it to the Pastor to put into the Newsletter**

**Read through the Bible weekly reading**

Monday (19 April):

**Isa 1-5, Psalm 148**

Tuesday (20 April):

**Isa 6-10, Psalm 149**

Wednesday (21 April):

**Isa 11-15, Psalm 145**

Thursday (22 April):

**Isa 16-20, Psalm 144**

Friday (23 April):

**Catch up day**

Saturday (24 April):

**Isa 21-25, Psalm 143**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**None**

**Q. 49. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?**

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

**(Exodus 20:2)**

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MORNING SERMON TEXT: **1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**Introduction to the Corinthian Church**

The Letter of Paul to the Corinthian Church contains some of the most quotable and memorable passages in all of Paul’s writings. We think especially of Paul’s description of love in Chapter 13 or the defence of Christ’s bodily ressurection. We also find some of the more difficult passages in this letter. Many have debated about the chapter on head-coverings (Ch 11), and few people can stand Paul forbidding woman to speak in the church(1 Cor 14:34).

The Church was established by Paul on his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1-11). The letter in our bibles was writtenwhile Paul was in Ephesus on his third missionary journey (1 Cor 16:8). Paul had written a letter to them previously to which he makes reference in Chapter 5:9. Paul’s reason for writing the current letter is to adress some of the reports that he has heard concerning the Church in Corinth (1 Cor 1:11). He also aims to adress some of their questions that they had written to him (1 Cor 7:1).

The reports that Paul hears concerning the Chruch were not good. It seems like the Church is in danger of become like the culture. In many respects the people in the church had become just like the world. This worliness is threatening to tear the church apart.

Paul now callls the church to unity and holiness. Paul demonstrates church discipline (found in Matt 18:15-20) in action. The whole letter can be understood as Paul calling the arrogant in the church to repent. He also calls those who consider themselves “wise” (3:18), “posessing knowledge” (8:2) and “spiritual” (14:37) to understand their calling in Christ.

We have a sense of the severity of the situation from ***1Cor 4:19-21 “****I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power.**For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.**What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?”*

How do you perceive Paul’s love for the Corinthian church based on a statement like this? DO you doubt that Paul loves the Corinthian Church? Does it seem harsh?