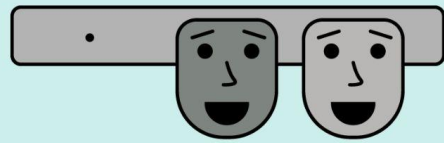


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **American Gospel Series** We are going to work through the documentary American Gospel: Christ Crucified over a 6-week span starting on April 28. This is open to anyone and is a great opportunity to study the key theological foundations of the Christian faith. Join us by registering at northview.org/courses_events
- **The Pantry** We will be serving our community through The Pantry every Sunday from 1-3PM. Find out how you can get involved at <https://northview.org/the-pantry/>
- **The Garden** Join us on April 24th from 10-12 for a gardening day!
- **Drive In Services** We are planning to continue to hold drive in services as long as we are able. Unless restrictions change, registration will be live on our website Wednesday at 12:00pm.
- **New Podcast** It's called Conversations with Jeff Bucknam. Find on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Chris & Elaine Hurst living in Abbotsford while serving with a Wycliffe Bible Translators team in Mexico.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Middle School Youth

Pray for Pastor Danae, Cooper, and her volunteer team as they plan and facilitate events amidst Covid regulations.

Pray for the MSY team as they disciple these youth; that the Lord would encourage them and guide them.

Pray for the youth as they are entering the last few months of their school year; that they would continue to grow in their knowledge of and love for the Lord Jesus Christ and His church.

LOOK

Read Malachi 1:1-5

1. What stands out to you from the passage?
2. What do you remember from the sermon?
3. What did you learn from this passage?
4. What ideas or words are repeated?

Observations:

- This book is addressed to Israel (the Judah vs. Israel division no longer exists) the remnant of the nation that returned from Babylonian Captivity (1:1)
- Note the posture of YHWH, he anticipates the objections and emotions of His people and graciously answers them, like "how have you loved us?" (v.2)
- Note the name of God: the Lord of hosts, the Lord Almighty (v.4). God is powerful and gives his love to some and judgment to others
- God's actions in the world are not hidden (v.5), He is moving and acting and the people of Israel will see it with their own eyes!
- God's just judgment is permanent. Edom has been ruined (v.3), and even if they rebuild God will tear it down again (v.4)

LEARN

Read Deut. 7:6-11

1. What initiated the relationship between the people of Israel and YHWH?
God chose them (v.6) and loved them (v.8)
2. What was not required as a prerequisite before God chose Israel?
Nothing. God did not choose them because they were many (v.7) or acted rightly (see also Deut. 9:5)
3. How does Israel know that God will hold up his end of the relationship?
God is faithful (v.9) and keeps His covenant (v.9), and has shown Himself to be trustworthy with a good track record in the rescue from Egypt (v.8)
4. Ultimately, what response does God expect from Israel for His love?
They must obey His commandments (v.11)

Read Heb. 11:13-16

5. What do all the saints spoken about in this passage have in common?
They all died (v.13), they had not yet received the promise (v.13), and they all had faith (v.13, 16)
6. What was their posture in regards to the promises of God?
They had expectant hope (vv.14-15), they longed for the arrival of the promise (v.16)
7. What enabled all of these saints to hang on during the hard times of their lives?
They trusted God (i.e., died in faith, v.13) and stayed focused on the better country that awaited them (v.16)

LIVE

According to Hebrews 11, many OT saints had very challenging circumstances that could have caused them to doubt God's love, but they kept the faith!! They were able to keep trusting in the God they knew.

1. What has helped you hang on in the hard times you have faced?
2. What is your view of God right now?
 - How did you learn this?
 - Where have you seen evidence of your view?
3. Which is a more powerful motivator, love or fear?
 - Share an example of each motivation.
4. God's love for you is meant to be the motivator of worship and godly living.
 - What is an area in your life where you want to see growth?
 - How can the people in your family or CG help you grow?