

“In the Sight of the Nations”
Ezekiel 5:5-17

“A study of the concordance will show that there are **more** references in Scripture to the anger, fury, and wrath of God, than there are to His love and tenderness. In light of this, it is important that **we meditate upon it regularly.**” (A.W. Pink)

“Because you did not serve the LORD your God **with joyfulness and gladness of heart**, because of the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And He will put a yoke of iron around your neck until He has destroyed you.” (Deuteronomy 28:47-48,52-57)

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that **I have set before you life and death**, blessing and curse. **Therefore choose life**, that you and your offspring may live, **loving** the LORD your God, **obeying** His voice and **holding fast** to Him, for **He is your life** and length of days...” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20a)

- God’s Wrath:
 - It is always **JUDICIAL**; that is, it is an administration of **JUSTICE**. “But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works.” (Romans 2:5-6)
 - It is always **CHOSEN** by the individual. “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.” (John 3:19-20)
 - “The essence of God’s action in wrath is to give men what they choose in all its implications; nothing more and equally nothing less.” (J.I. Packer)
- Why should we meditate upon it regularly?
 - We need to be reminded of God’s hatred of sin **because** we regard sin lightly and make excuses for sin naturally.
 - We will not serve Him with the intensity He deserves or have a proper awe and reverence of God without being reminded of it.
 - We will not love, appreciate, and worship Him as we ought, without considering it.
- The Wrath of God and our text:
 - “This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries all around her.” (cf. Isaiah 49:6)
 - “She has rebelled against My rules”; “You have not walked in My statutes or obeyed My rules”; “You have not even acted according to the rules of the nations around you”; “Because of all your abominations”; “You have defiled My sanctuary”
 - “Behold I am **against you**. And I will **execute judgments** in your midst in the sight of the nations.”; “Therefore **I will withdraw**. My eye **will not spare**, and I will **have no pity.**” (cf. Ezekiel 5:13-17)

Announcements:

Worship: Glorious Day — Casting Crowns

As the Deer — Various Artists

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

★**DONATIONS:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. All notes and gifts can be given to Lauren Abdalla anytime throughout the month, she will collect them all and present them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can either use the donation container on the back table, making any checks out directly to Pastor Jeremy Scarberry, or with Venmo, by sending it directly to Lauren Abdalla (Church Treasurer). Please contact Lauren Abdalla with any questions and/or if you need her personal Venmo (740)624-7921. Lastly, we would also encourage you to be praying for Pastor Jeremy and Krystal throughout this month. There are specific prayer requests from them on the back table. Please feel free to take those home with you and to set aside time to pray for them throughout this month.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism Service will be THIS Sunday, October 13th. If you are interested in being baptized or if you have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have two different ministries that are in need of some volunteers:

- The Maintenance Ministry is looking for two to three people to join the ministry to help with the set-up and teardown for services and fellowship meals. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Hunter Ardrey.
- The Children's Ministry is also looking for some volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, if you have any questions about Church Membership, and/or if you are interested in learning more about the Church By-Laws and Statements of Faith, we are having a New Members' Class in November! This is a 2 week class that will be offered on Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 10th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about the New Members' Class, please see Elder Zach Adams.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, October 20th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We are having a Fall Get-Together on Sunday, October 27th, at Andy's house, starting at 5pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as all festivities will be outside! Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided, but plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.