

“I Will Judge You According to Your Ways”
Ezekiel 7:1-27

“The end of the matter; all has been heard. **Fear God and keep His commandments**, for this is the whole duty of man. For God **will bring every deed into judgment**, with every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). “So whether we are at home or away, we make it **our aim to please Him**. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may **receive what is due for what he has done** in the body, whether good or evil” (2 Corinthians 5:9-10). “And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and **they were judged**, each one of them, **according to what they had done**” (Revelation 20:13).

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **He is the propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but also for the sins for the whole world” (1 John 2:1-2). “**For our sake** He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

“Seek the LORD **while He may be found**; call upon Him **while He is near**; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him **return to the LORD**, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, **for He will abundantly pardon.**” (Isaiah 55:6-7)

- “The end has come” (7:2-3; 7:5-8; 7:10-13)
 - The time of mercy, patience, and grace has come to an end.
 - God is true to being just. He doesn’t let sin go unpunished.
 - **“The rod”** is the wicked rulers that Israel and Judah have had.
 - **“The chain”** is symbolic of their captivity to Babylon (vs 23).
- “I will judge you according to your ways” (7:3; 7:8; 7:9; 7:16)
 - God’s wrath is always **JUDICIAL**, it is an administration of justice.
 - God’s wrath is always **CHOSEN**; “*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)
 - “*Riches do not profit in the day of wrath (no bribes or buying your freedom), but righteousness delivers from death.*” (Proverbs 11:4; cf. Ezekiel 7:19)
 - “The **“beautiful ornament”** was the temple. Their sacred place of worship was going to be taken from them.
 - They have lost all of those/the things that restrain sin....
 - The king’s power is gone (7:27).
 - The Prophet made up false revelations from God (7:26).
 - The Priest gave no instruction in holy living (7:26).
 - The Elder gave no local civil governing (7:26).
- True repentance....
 - “All of them moaning, each one over his iniquity.”
 - “All hands are feeble, and all knees turn to water.”
 - “They put on sackcloth and horror covers them.”
 - “Shame is on all faces, and baldness on all heads.”

Worship: Psalm 18 — Citizens 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) — Matt Redman

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**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.

NEXT Thursday is the LAST day for this collection!

★**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.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Our Fall Get-Together is THIS 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.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** If you are currently a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Members' Meeting on Sunday, November 10th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will be presenting the 2025 Budget as well as voting on Elder Zach for the Associate Pastor position.