

## TIME OF REFLECTION

“Well, I don’t know what will happen now. We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn’t matter with me now. Because I’ve been to the mountaintop. And I don’t mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I’m not concerned about that now. I just want to do God’s will. And He’s allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I’ve looked over. And I’ve seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land. And I’m happy tonight. I’m not worried about anything. I’m not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!”

~Martin Luther King Jr.’s final words in the speech he gave before he was assassinated

“It is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee—it is Christ... We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul.”

~C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), famed London preacher

“Nations pass away, thrones crumble, but the church remains. What is then the power which has protected this church, thus assailed by the furious billows of rage and the hostility of ages? Whose is the arm which, for eighteen hundred years, has protected the church from so many storms which have threatened to engulf it?... I marvel that whereas the ambitious dreams of myself, Caesar, and Alexander should have vanished into thin air, a Judean peasant—Jesus—should be able to stretch His hands across the centuries and control the destinies of men and nations.”

~Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), infamous military leader and emperor in France, during his last years in exile on the island of St. Helena

“The Witness of the Holy Spirit: this is stronger than all proof.”

~John Calvin (1509-1564), French-born theologian and reformer in Geneva

“Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy’s will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.”

~Senior demon writing to younger demon in C.S. Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters*

---

## *Worship through the Word*

---

**SERMON** – “The Faithfulness of God” – *Scott Sottosanti*

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *Jeremiah 32:36-41, 33-14-26 (ESV)*

*Jeremiah 32*

<sup>36</sup>“Now therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, ‘It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence’: <sup>37</sup>Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. <sup>38</sup>And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>39</sup>I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. <sup>40</sup>I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. <sup>41</sup>I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

*Jeremiah 33*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

<sup>17</sup>“For thus says the LORD: David shall never

lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, <sup>18</sup>and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.”

<sup>19</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>20</sup>“Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, <sup>21</sup>then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers. <sup>22</sup>As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me.”

<sup>23</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>24</sup>“Have you not observed that these people are saying, ‘The LORD has rejected the two clans that he chose’? Thus they have despised my people so that they are no longer a nation in their sight. <sup>25</sup>Thus says the LORD: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed order of heaven and earth, <sup>26</sup>then I will reject the offspring of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his offspring to rule over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.”