

Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!



I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn 443



Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hymn 439



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Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

plbiblechurch@gmail.com

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, but it is out of focus. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text 'Call to Worship' is centered over the Bible in a large, bold, black font.

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-7

Psalm 146:1-7 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD,
O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I
will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in
whom there is no salvation. When his breath
departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day
his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the
God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that
is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes
justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the
hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Hymn 91



What A Friend We have in Jesus

Hymn 466



Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
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Famous Quote:

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

C. S. LEWIS



Today's Message

“Ichabodian”

***[Has the Glory of the Lord
departed?]***

Scripture text: Luke 13:31-35

1 Samuel 4:19-22 Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or pay attention. And **she named the child Ichabod**, saying, "**The glory has departed from Israel!**" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. And she said, "**The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.**"

Congressman Jerry Nadler: “God’s Will is No Concern of This Congress”

During the debate yesterday [Friday] over the Equality Act, a measure that would create a right to kill babies in abortions and force Americans to fund abortions, Republicans accused Democrats of ignoring Biblical values. And a surprising comment from pro-abortion Democrat Congressman Jerry Nadler confirmed that to be true.

Part of the debate over the pro-abortion measure revolved around sex and gender issues and Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL) upset Democrats when he confirmed God makes boys and girls unique.

“When men or women claim to be able to choose their own sexual identity, they are making a statement that God did not know what he was doing when he created them,” the congressman said.

“The gender confusion that exists in our culture today is a clear rejection of God’s good design. Whenever a nation’s laws no longer reflect the standards of God **that nation is in rebellion against him and will inevitably bear the consequences,**” the congressman said. “We are seeing the consequences of rejecting God here in our country today.”

That promoted a rather shocking comment from Nadler.

“What any religious tradition describes as God’s will is no concern of this Congress,” he admitted.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2021/02/26/congressman-jerry-nadler-gods-will-is-no-concern-of-this-congress/>

Ichabod – the Glory of the Lord has departed!

Ezekiel 8:15-18 Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? **You will see still greater abominations than these.**" And he brought me into the inner court of the house of the LORD. And behold, at the entrance of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs to the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east, worshiping the sun toward the east. Then he said to me, "**Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations that they commit here, that they should fill the land with violence and provoke me still further to anger? Behold, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore I will act in wrath. My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. And though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.**"

Romans 1:18-21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. **So they are without excuse.** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, **but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

Romans 1:22-25 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

What about us here in America, has this happened?

Are we worshiping creation instead of the Creator?

Romans 1:26-27 For this reason **God gave them up to dishonorable passions.** For their women exchanged natural relations for those **that are contrary to nature;** and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men **committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.**

Has this not happened?

Do you understand that this lifestyle is against Almighty God?

Romans 1:28-32 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Can you see this progression in America?

Luke 13:34-35 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! **How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken.** And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'”

What if the Lord was saying this to America?

Has the Glory of the Lord, departed?

Are we in the midst of the Wrath of Abandonment?

Our Lord's heart was grieved as He saw the unbelief and rebellion around Him, and He broke out in a lamentation over the sad plight of the Jewish nation.

It was a sob of anguish, not an expression of anger. His compassionate heart was broken.

The image of the hen and her chicks would be a familiar one to an agricultural people like the Jews.

Psalm 91:4 He will cover you with his pinions, and **under his wings you will find refuge;** his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Some of the Old Testament references to “wings” refer to the wings of the cherubim in the holy of holies in the tabernacle or temple (see Ex. 25:20; Ruth 2:12; Pss. 36:7–8; 61:4).

The hen gathers her chicks when she sees danger is coming. The Pharisees told Jesus that He was in danger, **when in reality *they were in danger!***

In this lament, Jesus was addressing the whole nation and not just the Pharisees who had tried to provoke Him. **The people had been given many opportunities to repent and be saved, but they had refused to heed His call.**

“House” refers both to the “family” of Jacob (“the house of Israel”) and to the temple (“the house of God”), **both of which would be “left desolate.”**

The city and temple were destroyed and the people were scattered.

But there is a future for Israel. The time will come when their Messiah will return and be recognized and received by the people. They will say, **“Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord”** (Luke 13:35; also see Ps. 118:26).

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Psalm 118:23-26 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Israel's house has been left desolate. The nation has no king or priest, no temple or sacrifice (Hosea 3:4–5).

But the nation has God's promise that she has not been forsaken (Rom. 11:1ff). There can be no peace on earth until the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6) is seated on David's throne (Isa. 11:1ff).

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! (Ps. 122:6)

Strive to enter in at the narrow gate! **Matthew 7:13-14** "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. **For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.**

Hosea 3:3-5 And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." **For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.**

Romans 11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

Act 4:8-12 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man**, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel **that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by him this man is standing before you well**. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. **And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**"

Proverbs 24:10-12 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. **Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.** If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? **Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?**

Proverbs 24:19-20 Fret not yourself because of evildoers, and **be not envious of the wicked, for the evil man has no future; the lamp of the wicked will be put out.**

1 Peter 1:13-19 Therefore, **preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded**, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **As obedient children**, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "**You shall be holy, for I am holy.**" And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, **conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile**, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

Trust and Obey

Hymn 454

