

실로암 한인침례교회

Siloam Korean Baptist Church

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모임 안내 Gatherings

주일 예배 Lord's Day Worship Service (Korean/English) 10:30 am
수요 성경 공부 Wednesday Bible Study (Korean) 8:00 pm via Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 401 799 0718

WORSHIP ORDER

I 모이기 Gathering

교회 소식 Life of the Church장선욱 목사 Pastor Sean Chang

예배 기도 Invocation.....장선욱 목사 Pastor Sean Chang

찬양 Let's Praise!다같이 All Together

H393 오 신실하신 주 (D) Great Is Thy Faithfulness

H298 속죄하신 구세주를 (E) I Will Sing My Redeemer

C1249 주님의 영광 나타나셨네 (G) The Lord Has Displayed His Glory

신앙 고백 Affirmation of Faith다같이 All Together

삶을 되돌아보기 Time to Reflect다같이 All Together

평화의 나눔 Sharing Peace다같이 All Together

중보 기도 Intercessory Prayers다같이 All Together

주기도문 The Lord's Prayer다같이 All Together

II 말씀 The Word

성경 봉독 Scripture Reading다같이 All Together

마태복음 Matthew 11:2-11

설교 Sermon.....장선욱 목사 Pastor Sean Chang

오실 그이가 당신이오나이까? Are you the one who is to come?

III 화답 Response

찬양 Let's Praise!다같이 All Together

H104 곧 오소서 임마누엘 (Em) O Come O Come Immanuel

헌금 기도 Offering Prayer다같이 All Together

IV 파송 Sending

파송 및 축도 Sending Word and Benediction.....장선욱 목사 Pastor Sean Chang

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Wednesday Bible Study Wednesday 8 pm Zoom Meeting ID: 401 799 0718
 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
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THE PRAYER LIST

- To be an Act2 church
 - The church that serves the community.
 - The church that helps missionaries.
 - The local church is the hope of the world.
- For the missionaries
 - Daniel Cho in Cambodia
 - Nakwon Lee in Kenya and the children we support: Fabian Kamau Eunice Wanjiku Allysa Wambui Sharlin Akai
- For those in hardship
- For the sick and caretakers
- For our children under the covenant
- For those who are travelling
- For those in government

THE FIRST LESSON 이사야 ISAIAH 35:1-10

1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, 2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

3 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;

4 say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

8 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.

9 No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,

10 and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

시편 PSALM 146:5-10

5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free,

8 the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

10 The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

THE SECOND LESSON **야고보서** JAMES 5:7-10

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Bible Study Focus: *Be Patient!*

Word *of life*

Patience. This is the theme of today's reading from James.

The Greek word for patience is literally "long-suffering." The verses for today follow harsh words of warning to "rich people" (James 5:1 NRSV) who have relied only on their wealth and oppressed the laborer. The wealthy oppressors will see their wealth rot away and rust (James 5:1-3). In contrast, the author begins vs. 7 with words of exhortation to a different audience—the "beloved." "Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord." (James 5:7 NRSV)

1. Is patience and long-suffering synonymous? How so?
2. How does the meaning of the words differ?
3. Who do you think "the beloved" were when James was written? Who are the beloved today?

The phrase "the coming of the Lord" is used several times in today's reading (See James 5:7-8) and is implied in the imagery of the Judge standing at the doors. (vs. 9) The expectation of Christ's coming soon to judge and to usher in justice calls for a change in how we live in community. There should be no more grumbling among the beloved, for the coming of the Lord is near. Patience is to be the attitude and expression of how the beloved are to live.

4. How does knowing that someone is coming, and is near, change what you do? Give an example.
5. Do you think the exhortation to patience still needs to be heard in the faith community? Why or why not?

The author of James offers three examples of patience. The first example is that of a farmer waiting patiently for the crops to mature and be ready for the harvest. (James 5:7) The imagery resonates with anyone who farms or gardens. Waiting for timely rains—not knowing when they will come—and delaying the harvest until the time is right, requires patience. The second example is that of the prophets (James 5:10) who relentlessly spoke the word of the Lord, whether the message was "in season" or "out of season." The prophets serve as models of suffering and patience (long-suffering). The third example is

that of Job (James 5:11) who lost home, family and livelihood to attacks and natural disasters, but who remained faithful in anticipation that God would fulfill God's promise.

6. Which of these examples resonates with you? Why?
7. What is another example of patience?

It is tough to be patient when things aren't going as expected. Clearly, the expectation of the coming of the Lord (the Greek word "parousia") was not happening—at least not as expected. It seems that many first century Christians expected Christ's second coming to be sooner than later. To the faithful who began to wonder whether Christ's coming would come to pass, and to the faithful in our day who wonder whether God is there and active in the world, the admonition from James rings out: "You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near." (James 5:8 NRSV)

8. What are the challenges of being patient?
9. Does patience imply meekness and inaction when there is injustice and oppression? Explain.

Word *among us*

The scene is a familiar one this time of year. Harried shoppers, overflowing parking lots, clogged street arteries, "Black Friday" sales insidiously creeping into "Grey Thursday" on Thanksgiving Day as retailers, eager for increasing profit, set their store openings earlier and earlier. Dedicated and committed bargain hunters earnestly studying page after page of announcements of gifts to get, skipping a family gathering to stand in line for hours for that special, too-good-to-be-true purchase. Shoppers hurry from one store to another, impatiently pursuing that great deal.

10. How do you respond to all the holiday shopping?
11. What impact does the holiday marketing frenzy have on your Advent and Christmas preparations?

It's difficult in such a setting as this, with all the hustle and bustle of the season, to follow the admonition of James in today's reading: "You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near." (James 5:8 NRSV) There is too much to do to be patient—too many sales to catch, too many presents to wrap, too many meals to prepare, too few shopping days left until it's here.

It, of course, is nothing less than the celebration of the coming of God—with-us—the birth of Jesus. It is the greatest gift ever given. It was anticipated for centuries and announced by prophets and angels. It too leads to a Friday—one called "Good."

In this Advent season, we are encouraged to be patient as we anticipate the coming of the Lord. It's worth waiting for. It's worth our time and our concentrated study of the published announcements of its coming. It calls for strong and resolute hearts as we face the madness of the world and the frantic search for the perfect gift. For we know that the perfect gift has already been found; or better said, the

perfect gift has already found us. It's a gift for which we patiently wait—a gift that keeps on giving again and again.

12. What makes Christ the perfect gift?

faith practice *in daily life*

Live among God's faithful people

“You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.” (James 5:8 NRSV) As we live among God’s faithful people, we realize that the coming of the Lord is near—as near as that morsel of bread and that sip of wine, as near as the person next to you or the one who shows up needing assistance. The Lord comes again and again to us; but sometimes, we are too busy to see it. We are called to trust in the promise of Lord’s coming and patiently await the fulfillment of God’s promises.

13. What is the relationship between patience and active living which sometimes rushes us?

14. How might you become more patient this coming week?

Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, and be our guest. As we await the fulfillment of your promised coming, grant us patience. Strengthen our hearts and open our eyes to see the many ways you come to us. Amen

Last Word

Look for examples of the coming of the Lord this week in your daily life.

THE GOSPEL 마태복음 MATTHEW 11:2-11

2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

4 Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

7 As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:

“‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.