

CBC CORPUS

Worship Guide | Sep 12, 2021

Lord's Day 37

PRAY — The opening Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 129, *They Have Afflicted Me From My Youth*, the 10th Song of Ascents. The psalmist gives us an example of the pain that was experienced in Israel's affliction. In verse 3 we read, "The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows." A furrow is a long narrow trench made in the ground by a plow. As graphic as that description is, leading us to think of long deep wounds upon someone's back, the psalmist directs us to praise God for His righteousness! And, "Greatly have they afflicted me, **yet** they have not prevailed against me", directs us to know the Lord's steadfast love. We are confident that God will see us through our afflictions and suffering. Guided by the Holy Spirit it is right to ask the Lord to deal justly with His enemies. So, in these next few moments let the psalmist encourage prayer to acknowledge our afflictions, thank the Lord for His righteousness and steadfast love, and ask the Lord for justice against His enemies and those of His people.

CALL TO WORSHIP — PSALM 108:1-6

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!
Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

Congregation: *We will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
We will sing praises to you among the nations.*

Leader: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Congregation *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be all over the earth!*

All: *That your beloved ones may be delivered,
Give salvation by your right hand and answer us!*

SING —

'Behold Our God' | Sovereign Grace Music
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oywl4NTYtVE>

'All I Have Is Christ' | Sovereign Grace Music
<https://youtu.be/V0vfz5lr37q>

'Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right' | Sovereign Grace Music
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7H4qwj5rpo>

SERMON TITLE: “God’s Sovereignty, Our Responsibility”

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 24:29-67

Genesis 24:29–67

Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring. As soon as he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister’s arms, and heard the words of Rebekah his sister, “Thus the man spoke to me,” he went to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring. He said, “Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.” So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, “I will not eat until I have said what I have to say.” He said, “Speak on.”

So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, but you shall go to my father’s house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.’ I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’ But he said to me, ‘The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from my clan and from my father’s house. Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.’

“I came today to the spring and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also,” let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the LORD has spoken.”

When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD. And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, “Send me away to my master.” Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.” They said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.” And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.” So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“Our sister, may you become
 thousands of ten thousands,
and may your offspring possess
 the gate of those who hate him!”

Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel and said to the servant, “Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death. (ESV)

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (ESV)

Daniel 3:16–18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is

able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” (ESV)

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death. (ESV)

Deuteronomy 10:12–13

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? (ESV)

Matthew 4:10–11

Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.
(ESV)

Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
(ESV)

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (ESV)

Hebrews 10:23–25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not

neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (ESV)

Proverbs 16:1

The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. (ESV)

SONG OF RESPONSE —

'O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer' | Sovereign Grace Music
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx5BB2J7R-8>

NEXT MEMORY VERSE —

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

NEXT NEW CITY CATECHISM QUESTION —

Question 37 | (*Ephesians 6:17–18*)

Q: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

(Longer Answer)

A: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.