

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

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We live in a world at war, and that is not a metaphor. For the second year in a row, Philadelphia is about to set a new record for murders. Ditto, Memphis, Chicago and Portland, OR. Under the guise of social justice, this war visits violence and death on the very citizens it purports to help. In an advanced, civilized, Christian nation... we're at war in the very land we call home.

Globally, Islam hates Christianity and has declared war on Christians everywhere. It does no good to defend millions of Islamic adherents who are not warmongers. 9/11 and 21 years of terror leave an undeniable legacy of savagery and hatred. Additionally, atheists in Russia and China despise everything Christians stand for and aggressively target them.

Behind these truths, beyond this bloody material world, we should know that our adversary is not satisfied with tall buildings and 3,000 civilians. **He is actively and openly seeking to destabilize the foundations of our society by targeting the education system, public discourse and governmental integrity.**

After 9/11 it took us awhile to grasp what President Bush called the "*War on Terror*". We couldn't name a nation or a state as our enemy, so we named a concept. Our spiritual war is like that, except even more broad-based. **We are at war with the forces of evil, and those forces manifest both globally and personally.** The battlefields surround us, but they also *infect* us.

- We fight deception in the battlefields of our *minds*.
- We fight doubt and fear in the battlefields of our *hearts*.
- We fight hopelessness in the battlefield of our *faith*.

This isn't a war on terror. **This is a war on tyranny.** Wherever and whenever our enemy gains a foothold, freedom disappears. ***The Lamb does not!***

Hebrews 13:8: "***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.***"

# Welcome

October 2, 2022



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM  
Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;  
Youth & Kid's Club  
Prayer ½ hour before services

*THEOLOGICAL SEED*

Isaiah 25:1

O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your Name, for You have done wonderful things; Your plans formed of old are faithfulness and truth.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*



**Sunday Evening Prayer** – 6 to 7 PM.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

**Special Prayer Request** – we are believing God for the finances for a new air conditioning and heating until for the sanctuary. The cost has been estimated at \$14,000. Please help us pray that God will provide.

**Flagging Practice** – every Wednesday at 6 PM.

**Water Baptism Class** – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM. All those wishing to obey the Word and be baptized in water will need to be at this class.

**Men's Ministry** – the first Friday of each month at 6:30 pm, here at the church starting November 4<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting for October will be the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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*SERMON NOTES*

TEXT: 2 Kings 7:1

I. LOST AND FOUND

II. TRUTH AND REVELATION

III. \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Kings 6:18-24

Satan wants to shut down our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and stop our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. Joel 2:28-29; John 4:35

If there is a \_\_\_\_\_, it is because of a \_\_\_\_\_ going on.

Eating the heads of donkeys represents spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

The waste of the dove represents eating off the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Kings 6:25-32

If we do not allow a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, it will cost us the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sons and our daughters.

The barn, threshing floor represents the \_\_\_\_\_ and the winepress represents the \_\_\_\_\_.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ commodity is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Living God. Mark 13:31; Romans 3:4 (Psalm 51:4)

We need the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit! Joel 2:13, 28-29

We need a true \_\_\_\_\_.

I was once young and now am old, yet I have \_\_\_\_\_, seen God \_\_\_\_\_ me or mine! Psalm 37:25

God is \_\_\_\_\_ in your tomorrow!

\_\_\_\_\_ are in your \_\_\_\_\_ because God is already in your tomorrow. 2 Kings 7:2-8

There must come a point in our life when we face the \_\_\_\_\_ that what we are doing is not \_\_\_\_\_ anymore.

Your \_\_\_\_\_ is about the \_\_\_\_\_ and he is leaving behind the \_\_\_\_\_!

He's leaving behind \_\_\_\_\_ you need! Philippians 4:19

By this time tomorrow your \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!