

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

A time of quiet preparation for worship

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOD'S PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR FAITH

Westminster confession of Faith

Chapter XIII

1. It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King the Head and Saviour of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

***HYMN**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

Revelation 10:1-11

"An Interlude to Comfort"

Kevin Skogen, Senior Pastor

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE

** All Praise to Thee My God This Night*

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

SERMON NOTES



Sunday Evening Service

May 23, 2010

MEDITATION

The devil is a preacher. From the third chapter of the Bible onward, he is opening up God's Word to people, seeking to interpret it, to apply it, to offer an invitation. So the old Serpent of Eden comes to the primeval woman not with a Black Mass and occult symbols, but with the Word she'd received from her God with the snake's peculiar spin on it. Throughout the rest of the canon he does the same, implicitly or explicitly.

Throughout the Old Testament, he preaches peace just like the angels of Bethlehem do except he does so when there is no peace. He points God's people to the particulars of worship commanded by God's sacrifices and offerings and feast-days just without the preeminent mandates of love, justice, and mercy. Satan even preaches to God about the proper motives needed for godly discipleship on the part of God's servants.

The devil doesn't mind boring sermons, so long as you allow him to preach, too. He doesn't mind the Word being heard, as long as it's the appetites that really enliven his people. And he doesn't mind the gospel going forward, as long as God's people hear his accusations of them (and they're all expository and biblically based!).

But if you grip people with the drama of the gospel of Christ, if you jolt them into seeing the ancient newness of the Word of God, then you'll have a demonic insurrection on your hands.

You preach verse-by-verse through the text? You do well. The demons, they preach also and they're boring. (Russell D. Moore)

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