

For: Sunday, January 22, 2017

## “Praise for the Creator’s Wisdom”

Lesson: Psalm 104:1- 4, 24-30

### **GOLDEN TEXT:**

“O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.” — Psalm 104:24

### **TODAY’S AIM:**

“To see the wisdom of God in His work of creation.”

### **INTRODUCING THE LESSON:**

An in-dept study of the created world reveals great wisdom on the part of its Creator. In this week’s lesson, we cannot touch on very many examples of this, but we can get overall view. Someone has said that expecting to see an organized world such as our as a result of chance is like expecting to find an encyclopedia as a result of an explosion in a print shop. However, that is practically what we have been told in the big bang theory. There are so many flaws in that theory that it takes a huge leap of faith to acknowledge it at all.

Psalm 104 in its entirety gives more examples of the Creator’s wisdom. We also know facts about the natural world that show God’s wisdom in creation—like symbiotic relationships, when one creature is dependent on another for existence. They could not logically have evolved independently and then somehow become dependent.

### **PRACTICAL POINTS:**

1. The majesty of God leads to reverence of Him. We must appropriately respond to God’s greatness (Psalm 104:1-4).
2. The variety and magnitude of God’s creation are on display in the world around us. God’s wisdom and power call for our admiration (Psalm 104: 24-26).
3. It is God who provides for the survival of His creation (Psalm 104:27-28).
4. It is God who sustains and upholds the created order and who continues to renew it. The earth is the Lord’s. Evolution cannot explain its origin or operation (Psalm 104:29-30).

### **CONCLUDING THE LESSON:**

While we test and measure the IQ of people, there is no calculating the knowledge or the wisdom of God. The earth is under the curse, but we still see the wisdom of God in creating it all. He gave the earth just the right balance of land and water. The creation of water with its states of freezing, liquidity, and vapor at just the right conditions shows amazing wisdom. There are so many forms of symbiotic relationships that we marvel at the wisdom it took to conceive the patterns, much less put them into practice. God’s wisdom in preparing the earth as our home is beautiful as well as useful.

The wisdom of God’s plan of salvation for humans is beyond telling or understanding. The wisdom of God in giving us His Word, the Bible, is immense. We are told enough that we can trust God and live His way, but not so much that we cannot understand what He has said.

# The Grace Memorial Baptist Church

1100 North Eden Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21213  
Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor



*“The Church That Cares”*

Sunday, January 15, 2017  
11:00 A M

*“High Standards and High Expectations  
for the Glory of God.”*

## Church News

### **FREE AMUSEMENT PARK TRIP**

Youth 18 years of age and under must attend Sunday Church School in order to earn a free trip to Kings Dominion Amusement Park. See enclosed for more details.

### **FUNDRAISER**

There will be a Fried Chicken Dinner Friday, February 3 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. at the church for a donation of \$10.00. Baked chicken will also be available upon request and orders MUST be placed in advance. This fundraiser is for the benefit of Men's Day. More information forthcoming.

### **BLACK HISTORY LUNCHEON**

We are seeking participants interested in participating on the program Saturday, February 25 at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested is asked to see Sis. Kim McDonald, Sis. Joanne Robinson and/or Sis. Sylvia Jones. More information forthcoming.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS/NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WANTED!**

We are requesting pictures and/or newspaper articles taken during the 90 years of Grace's existing. If you have such, please submit to our church office so that we can create a historical timeline album. All photos and/or newspaper clippings will be returned within a week.

## Don't Forget!

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

Tuesday, January 17 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

### **PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.



January

16 Mark Carr, Sr.  
19 Pamela Harris



# “Highway to Heaven”

*Refrain:* It’s a highway to heaven.  
None can walk up there, But the pure in heart.  
It’s a highway to heaven.  
I am walking up the king’s highway.

## 1

If you’re not walking, Start while I’m talking.  
Walking up the King’s highway.  
There’ll be a blessing, You’ll be possessing.  
Walking up the King’s highway.

## 2

My way gets brighter; My load gets lighter.  
Walking up the King’s highway.  
There’s joy in knowing, With Him I’m going.  
Walking up the King’s highway.

## 3

Don’t have to worry, Don’t have to hurry  
Walking up the King’s highway.  
Christ walks beside me, His love to guide me.  
Walking up the King’s highway.

~~~~~

## Sick and Shut-Ins

Trustee William Atkinson, 1088 Cameron Rd., 21212  
Deaconess Marion Leach, C/O Patapsco Valley Center,  
9109 Liberty Rd, Room 247A, Randallstown, MD 21133-3521  
Sis. Ila Scott, 1631 W. Lexington St., 21223  
Bro. Reginald Werrell, 2412 Winchester St., 21216, 410-831-5529  
Bro. Edward Withers, C/O Manor Care – Roland Park,  
4669 Falls Rd., Room 328A, 21209

## Special Prayer Requests

Sis. Kathy Seal, friend of Pastor Marshall Barnes

## Emergency Notices

All emergency situations are to be reported immediately to the Pastor  
**Reverend Marshall L. Barnes**  
e.g., death, hospital emergency, etc.

## The Deacon and Deaconess Ministry

*The following Deacons and Deaconess are available to assist members of our Church with prayer and offering of a helping hand whenever assistance is needed and subsequently requested:*

*During the period of January 9 through February 12 contact the following:*

*Deacon James Jones, 443-712-6868  
Deacon Luke Montgomery Sr., 443-629-7297  
Deaconess Charmaine Cook, 410-298-6133  
Deaconess Hilton Patrick, 410-367-0573*

~~~~~

Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, *Pastor*  
Reverend Frank Bell, *Associate Pastor*  
Deacon James Jones, *Deacon Ministry Chairman*  
Sister Carolyn Moorehead, *Secretary*

**Church Office: 410-563-2355**

**Fax No.: 410-563-7857**

Web-Site Address: <http://www.gracememorialbaptist.org>  
Facebook Address: Grace Memorial Baltimore, Maryland  
Twitter Address: GraceMemorial1

## Words of Wisdom

*“Never give up. Great things take time.”*

# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, January 15, 2017

**LISTEN** to the message from God’s Word. **USE** this sheet to make some personal notes. **GO** back over them through the coming week. **LET** God crystallize these truths in **YOUR** life.

Sermon title: \_\_\_\_\_

Biblical text: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea of sermon: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Illustration I want to remember: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What should I do as a result of hearing this sermon?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

“And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.” — Galatians 6:9 (LBV)

# MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 15, 2017

\*Processional.....11:00 A.M.

*\*Call to Worship and Invocation*

\*\*

\*Hymn of Praise (*Insert*).....“Highway to Heaven”

O.T. Reading (*Exodus 3:1-6*).....*Deaconess Hilton Patrick*

N.T. Reading (*Acts 18:4-11*).....*Sis. Charlene Watson*

\*\*

Selection.....*Mass Choir*

\*\*

Morning Prayer.....*Deacon James Jones*

Prayer Chant and Selection.....*Mass Choir*

\*\*

Church Welcome.....*Hospitality Ministry*

Pastoral Comments

\*\*

Children’s Hour.....*Sis. Anndell Lawrence*

Selection.....*Mass Choir*

\*\*

General Offering of Tithes and Gifts of Love

*Mission Offering*

*\*Tithes and Gifts of Love*

\*\*

\*Response of Thanksgiving.....*Congregation*

*“All things come of Thee, O Lord,  
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen!”*

Congregational Hymn #136.....“*Glory to His Name*”

\*\*

Sermonic Meditation.....*Organ Speaks*

Sermon.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

## “Too Soon to Quit

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

\*Altar Call.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

\*Benediction.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

*\*Standing*

*\*\*Seating Worshippers*