Kingdom & Covenant II

Spiritual Decline on The Rise

2 Kings 3:1-27 • Message #3

1. Intro:

2. The symptoms of spiritual decline:

a. Symptom #1
We reform our actions without _____ from sin. (1—3)

b. Symptom #2
We _____ ourselves rather than God. (4—20)

c. Symptom # 3
We are _____ toward the effects of our sin. (21—27)

TAKE HOME TRUTH

The remedy for spiritual decline is

_____-_____

devotion to God.

3. The "whole-hearted" remedies for spiritual decline:

a. Our reformed lives must flow from _____ hearts.

b. Our _____ must be in the Lord.

c. Our sin should _____ us.

Next Week - 2 Kings 4:1-44
Pastor Anthony

Just a Moment with Pastor Fred

People were created and Christians were redeemed to worship. What is worship? The psalmist defined it as giving unto the Lord the glory due his name, Ps 29:1-2.

Corporate worship, when the church comes together, is understood differently in many congregations today. Unfortunately, many American Christians have a consumer mindset. People attend church to find what's in it for them. We are spiritual shoppers. Customers ask, "Did I like the music?" The real question is "Did the congregation sing to the glory of God?" Praise team members are not entertainers. Yes, we're grateful for those whom God has equipped to facilitate worship, but we go to great lengths to ensure our service doesn't look like a concert. This is the time where we as a congregation offer a sacrifice of praise. The real action in our singing isn't what's going on the platform, but what's happening in our seats.

Musician Matt Merker reminds us in his excellent book, *Corporate Worship,* "We are ambassadors, not consumers. The goal of our worship service is not to entertain or to provide an inspiring experience. It is to honor our King and make him known. We don't go to church to worship; we worship because we are the church."

Corporate worship is designed to help us take our eyes off our difficulties and focus them on the glory of our Savior. Our weekly worship is meant to spill over into our daily lives – our lives become hymns of worship to the One who rescued us.

Glory be his name!

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YOU HAVE *Exalted* ABOVE ALL THINGS YOUR *Name* & YOUR *Word.*

PSALM 138:2

Prelude
Call to Worship

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Missions Moment

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

In My Heart

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Better Day

Benediction
Prayer Team

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THE LORD'S DAY
September 27, 2026

Corporate worship is designed to remind you again and again where life can be found so that you can quit searching horizontally for way you have already been given in Jesus.

Philosophy of Worship

We aim not to entertain, but to create an atmosphere conducive to individual and corporate worship.

Nursery Schedule

Sunday School - Adult Bible Fellowship
Julie Rizzardi & Amanda Wilson
Worship Service
Nursery: Diane Wilson & Helper
Toddler: Gina Hart, Sue Depoorter, Zoey Bricker

Today

9:00am	Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30am	Worship
1:00pm	Fellowship at Langes

Wednesday, September 30

10:30am	Senior Saints Bible Study
6:30pm	Planted Kids Club
7:00pm	Praise Team

Saturday, October 3

7:30am	Men's Breakfast @ Bob's
Noon	Discovering God's People Class
5:30pm	City Rescue Mission

Announcements

Condolences to Barbara Howell on the unexpected passing of her brother, Robert Gailey on Wednesday.

Planted Kids Club is this Wednesday at 6:30pm. Reach out to Pastor Anthony for questions.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 7:30 am at Bob's on Pennsylvania.

Interested in Baptism or Membership? Classes for Discovering God's People will be held Saturday, **October 3** from noon to 2pm and Sunday, **October 4** from 6-8pm. Sign up on the table in the foyer. Questions or for more information see Pastor Fred, Pastor Anthony or Paul Krepps.

Rescue Mission Service Opportunity this Saturday at 5:30pm. HBC is responsible for helping serve the evening meal.

New Members/Baptism will be October 18.

Fall Fellowship will be held at Troxells on Saturday, **October 24**. We will roast hot dogs (provided) but all attending are asked to bring a dish to share. Fun begins at 3 pm. Bring a lawn chair. Fishing and yard games will be available. Sign up on the table in the foyer.

Guest Services
Steve Blake

Josh and Carissa Bell Report. The Bells will be with us Sunday, October 25. From 9:30-10:15am we will have a meet & greet upstairs in the fellowship hall with coffee, juice and donuts (no SS/ABF). Bells will speak in Missions Moment on their ministry in Senegal. Josh will preach in the Worship Service. HBC is the home and sending church for the Bells. They return to Senegal next month.

Men ... Camp Barakel retreat is October 30-November 1. Sign up on the table in the foyer so we know who is going. Register at www.campbarakel.org/register.

Coming Up

Bell Senegal Report	Oct 25
Josh Bell Preaching	Oct 25
Fall Work Day	Nov 7
Petkofs Report	Nov 8
Magnify Conference	Nov 13-14

We are never alone. "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.
PSALM 73:25

Mowers needed this week.

Greeters
Today: Barb Bush
Next Week: Judy Reilly

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests
- Bells & Petkofs on furloughs
- Fromans vacation
- The Clark family - praise
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually/to reach out to others

Physical Needs
- Amber Breinling (Lois Martin's niece) - chemo & heart issues
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's stepmother) - cancer
- Chris Stolk (Lois Martin's nephew) - acute kidney failure
- Eliana Bolthouse (Fromans granddaughter/niece)- recovery
- Ethan Cecil - continued recovery
- Gina Golden - health concerns
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - health concerns
- Kathy Lange (Anthony's mother) - cancer recovery
- Nic Martin - pain management
- Paul Perry - surgeries on Sept 29 & Oct 6

God's Majesty - Isaiah 40: 12,15; Isaiah 41:10
Lord, open our eyes that we may see. "You have measured the waters in the hollow of Your hand and marked off the heavens with a span. You have enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales. Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales. You are our refuge and fortress. Amen.

Missions Moment
Spanish American Mission

Prayer For Our Government Officials
Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist

Prayer Family of the Week
Cindy Thomas & Matthew

Shut in of the Week
Norma DeWilde

Regardless of where life finds you, sing to the LORD. Let Him lift your spirit and overcome Satan's attempts to pull you down.