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The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9



22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Announcements:

Responsive Reading today –
I Samuel 17:40-51

FROM THE PASTOR:

We will have communion on next Sunday, August 16th and service in the parking lot, weather permitting.

Zion Hill's 103rd anniversary is Sunday, September 6, 2020. The theme is "***Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher***" Isaiah 40:31
Colors are **White and Purple**. Each ministry is asked for a minimum \$100.00 donation. If any member is not a member of a ministry, you can make your contribution to your ministry of choice.

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m. – see phone number to call in on the cover of bulletin.

Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. - see phone number to call in on the cover of bulletin.

As of now we are coming back to the sanctuary on Sunday, September 6, 2020. **If you are not feeling well, please stay home until you are better.**

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have. But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.” I Samuel 8:5-7

It does not appear that Samuel's sons were so profane and vicious as Eli's sons; but they were corrupt judges, they turned aside after lucre. Samuel took no bribes, but his sons did, and then they perverted judgment. What added to the grievance of the people was, that they were threatened by an invasion from Nahash, king of the Ammonites.

Samuel was displeased; he could patiently bear what reflected on himself, and his own family; but it displeased him when they said, “give us a king to judge us,” because that reflected upon God. It drove him to his knees. When anything disturbs us, it is our interest, as well as our duty, to show our trouble before God. Samuel is to tell them that they shall have a king. Not that God was pleased with their request, but as sometimes he opposes us from loving-kindness, so at other times he gratifies us in wrath; he did so here. God knows how to bring glory to himself, and serves his own wise purposes, even by men's foolish counsels.

If they would have a king to rule them, as the eastern kings ruled their subjects, they would find the yoke exceedingly heavy. Those that submit to the government of the world and the flesh, are told plainly, what hard masters they are, and what tyranny the dominion of sin is. The law of God and the manner of men

widely differ from each other; the former should be our rule in the several relations of life; the latter should be the measure of our expectations from others. These would be their grievances, and, when they complained to God, he would not hear them. When we bring ourselves into distress by our own wrong desires and projects, we justly forfeit the comfort of prayer, and the benefit of Divine aid. The people were obstinate and urgent in their demand. Sudden resolves and hasty desires make work for long and leisurely repentance. Our wisdom is, to be thankful for the advantages, and patient under the disadvantages of the government we may live under; and to pray continually for our rulers, that they may govern us in the fear of God, and that we may live under them in all godliness and honesty. And it is a hopeful symptom when our desires of worldly objects can brook delay; and when we can refer the time and manner of their being granted to God's providence.

The principle of the place of rulers in contrast to political leaders is clear in the Scripture. Hitler did not understand that and wanted to be head of the church. The German church fought him on the issue, and many died. But those who survived, said to Hitler, “you may be head of state, but you are not head of the church. God in Christ is head of the church!” Trying To Keep Up With The Jones” can lead to trouble versus waiting on God.