

3 Things to Do

1. Read 1 King 16:29 - 22:40.
2. Pray for those persons God has put in place to protect the vulnerable and his people and to speak truth to political and economic power.
3. Pray for the hearts and minds of our fellow citizens because someone voted for this.

When Ahab was king.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How did God handle the corrupt king Ahab and his wife Jezebel? How does he handle corrupt governments today?
2. Who speaks truth to power today? How can we help them?
3. Who protects the vulnerable and God's servants today? How can we help them?

Church Calendar

CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday, 4th — Did You Know? Black History Facts presented by YACM

Saturday, 10th — 3rd Mass Meeting, Dues \$5; The District at Study; and Black History Presentations

Sunday, 11th — Agape Sunday

Wednesday, 14th — Ash Wednesday

Saturday, 17th — Black History Outing

Sunday, 25th — Education Day with Livingstone College

Monday, 26th — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30pm

Church Announcements

Peace Benediction in E^b By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything
But pray and ask God for
everything you need
Always giving thanks
And He'll give you peace for your
heart and mind.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding
will keep your heart and mind
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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Is this the new normal?

1. 45 and the Truth.
2. The Party of Law and Order and Morality has betrayed its values.
3. Civil Rights are under assault.
4. Lady Liberty has turned her back.
4. Are our souls worth tax cuts, bonuses and profits?

Your Notes

WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

45 seems to thrive on keeping the nation in a constant period of political strife and social turmoil. God is not pleased. He may not end the regime quickly because this is about the heart of the people and not the souls of a few men. God will send prophets to protect the vulnerable. He will send prophets to confront the wicked in power. However, his prophets will confront the nation and ask us, "Will we sell their souls for economic prosperity?" If we do, we will have neither because judgment is coming. Turn to God!

God is angry with America

His prophets will protect his people and speak truth to power.

- I. Israel, the Northern Kingdom, was prosperous and powerful. Then, a terrible thing happened, Ahab became king and Jezebel was his queen.
- II. Ahab was more evil than his predecessors and encouraged evil by others. He built temples to Baal and erected Asherah poles.
- III. Jezebel brought out the worst in Ahab. She bought with her many false prophets and tried to kill all the prophets of God. She encouraged her husband to steal.
- IV. The Lord was angry with Ahab and his administration. (1 Kings 16:33) His response is twofold.
 1. *The Lord sent the Obadiah to protect his prophets from Jezebel. (1 Kings 18:3b-4)*
 2. *The Lord sent Elijah to confront Ahab and Jezebel and turn the hearts of the people. (1 Kings 17:1)*
- V. The Lord is doing the same thing today in response to 45.
- VI. Judgment will come. The question is, "Will the people's hearts turn to God?"

Words to Remember

1 Kings 16:29-33 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. ... He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.

1 Kings 18:3b-4 (Obadiah was a devout believer in the Lord. While Jezebel was killing off the Lord's prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.)

1 Kings 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."