

LANAKILA NEWS

SUNDAY

Ladies Ministry:
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Adult Sunday School:
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Morning Worship:
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Children's Service:
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Bible Study:
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study:
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

AWANA:
6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group:
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Men's Ministry:
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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The Silence of Saturday

[By Max Lucado]

Jesus is silent on Saturday. The women have anointed his body and placed it in Joseph's tomb. The cadaver of Christ is as mute as the stone which guards it. He spoke much on Friday. He will liberate the slaves of death on Sunday. But on Saturday, Jesus is silent

So is God. He made himself heard on Friday. He tore the curtains of the temple, opened the graves of the dead, rocked the earth, blocked the sun of the sky, and sacrificed the Son of Heaven. Earth heard much of God on Friday.

Nothing on Saturday. Jesus is silent. God is silent. Saturday is silent.

Easter weekend discussions tend to skip Saturday. Friday and Sunday get the press. The crucifixion and resurrection command our thoughts. But don't ignore Saturday. You have them, too.

Silent Saturdays. The day between the struggle and the solution; the question and the answer; the offered prayer and the answer thereof.

Saturday's silence torments us. Is God angry? Did I disappoint him? God knows Jesus is in the tomb, why doesn't He do something? Or, in your case God knows your career is in the tank, your finances are in the pit, your marriage is in a mess. Why doesn't He act? What are you supposed to do until He does?

You do what Jesus did. Lie still. Stay silent. Trust God. Jesus died with this conviction: *"Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."* (Acts 2:27)

Jesus knew God would not leave him alone in the grave. You need to know; God will not leave you alone with your struggles. His silence is not his absence, inactivity is never apathy. Saturdays have their purpose. They let us feel the full force of God's strength. Had God raised Jesus fifteen minutes after the death of His son, would we have appreciated the act? Were He to solve your problems the second they appear; would you appreciate His strength?

For His reasons, God inserts a Saturday between our Fridays and Sundays. If today is one for you, be patient. As one who endured the silent Saturday wrote: *"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord."* (James 5:7)
[Source: www.maxlucado.com]

Did you know...

Soteriology is the study of the doctrine of salvation. Soteriology shows us how the death of Christ secures the salvation of those who believe on Him. It helps us to understand the doctrines of redemption, justification, sanctification, propitiation, and the substitutionary atonement. Some common questions in studying Soteriology are:

1. Can a Christian lose their salvation? The Bible about the eternal nature of our salvation and how we are preserved by Christ who bought us with His blood.
2. Is salvation by faith alone, or by faith plus works? We are saved by faith alone. However, true faith will move us to works.
3. Is baptism required for salvation? While baptism is an important step of obedience for a Christian, the Bible is clear that baptism is not a requirement for salvation.
4. What is repentance and is it necessary for salvation? Repentance is literally "to change ones mind" about Christ and turn to God for salvation by grace through faith.
5. What does it mean to be a born again Christian? The phrase "born again" literally means "born from above." It is an act of God where He gives eternal life to a person who believes.

Understanding Soteriology helps us to know why salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone. A better understanding of our salvation brings peace in our life because it helps us to understand that our salvation is by Christ, and our salvation is secure in Christ, and Christ does not fail! If we had to save ourselves and keep ourselves saved, we would fail. Titus 3:5-7 summarizes Soteriology well, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Thank God for our Savior, Christ Jesus the Messiah!
– Pastor James



Summer School Early Registration

Starts March 1, 2024

