

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

July 3, 2022

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #799 America, the Beautiful

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Chronicles 7:11-21

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #807 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

HYMN #805 If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

HYMN #305 Jesus Paid It All

THE LORD'S SUPPER

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

Nursery - Newborns to Age 2

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8

2 Chronicles 7:14: If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Announcements

Prayer Meeting - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Art and Christianity Summer Program will be on Saturdays, July 9 through August 27, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. These classes are for those who are 18 years of age and older. For more information, please give us call, (732) 536-5369, or send an email to secretary@robertsvillebiblechurch.com. A sign-up sheet for the classes is on the table in the foyer.

Pastor, Deacons, and Trustees' Meeting - Saturday, July 23, 9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting - Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.

True Freedom **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie, Jr.**

Do we cherish our freedom? Do we think that the "pursuit of happiness" frees us to seek our own pleasures and forget our Creator? Read through the Book of Ecclesiastes. Solomon was a wise ruler in Jerusalem. He had riches and opportunities beyond our comprehension. It is often said, "riches can't buy happiness", and Solomon found this out. In Ecclesiastes 1:2 and 12:8, Solomon says: "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity." There is emptiness in life apart from God. Solomon discovered this by looking at life, seeing the vain repetition of generation after generation, and striving for more and more. Yet, he was never satisfied. (Ecclesiastes 1:3-11) Does this sound familiar?

Solomon's unique position as a wealthy king gave him many opportunities to try out all of his heart's desires. Have you ever thought, "If I could only have _____?" (Fill in the blank.) Solomon sought worldly wisdom, knowledge, and education without God. He concluded it only brought him madness, folly, and vexation of spirit (Ecclesiastes 1:12-18). He concluded "all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:11).

Like Solomon, we need to conclude that nothing can please, satisfy, or give us freedom if we neglect God. Those who seek freedom without God find themselves imprisoned. Solomon appeals to us to come to God early in life, walk with Him, and reverence Him. Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

The world promotes a false sense of happiness. Jesus came to give us true freedom - freedom from the slavery and power of sin. As Solomon and the founders of our country acknowledged, life without God is vain. May we turn to Jesus for true freedom. God wants to be the center of our lives, homes, and work. He is our only hope of freedom. Meditate on the words of Jesus in John 14:1-6. Do you want to pursue life, liberty, and happiness? Pursue God.