

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

January 22, 2023

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

HYMN #3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

HYMN #139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

HYMN #54 My Tribute

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #712 Be Still, My Soul

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

*Nursery - Newborns to Age 2*  
*Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8*

### This Week at Robertsville

**Sunday**..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
                  11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
**Wednesday**..... 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

### Announcements

**Annual Business Meeting** - This Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

### **Obeying the Word of God/Hearing the Word of God**

**Matthew 12:38-45**

**Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

There is a difference between being religious and being righteous. On the surface, those who are religious may look and even live right, but they are relying on their works, keeping of the laws, etc., to get into heaven. Those who are righteous have called upon the name of Jesus to be saved. The Pharisees were religious but not righteous. Jesus had just told them that they would be accountable for every idle word they spoke. Yet, they continued to challenge Him and His character.

"Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee" (Matthew 12:38). Jesus knew the heart and motive of the Pharisees. They were not looking for a sign that they might believe in Him, but so they could mock Him. Jesus said He would not give them the sign they wanted except the sign of the prophet Jonah (verse 39).

Jesus quoted from the book of Jonah (Matthew 12:40-41). Jonah had been told to go and preach to the people of Nineveh. Instead, he ran away and took a ship going to Tarshish. A great storm arose, he was thrown overboard and swallowed by a great fish. Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights before being cast out on the shores of Nineveh. He then obeyed God and preached throughout Nineveh. The entire city repented and turned to God.

Just as Jonah was three days and three night in the belly of a great fish, Jesus would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. His greatest miracle would occur at His death, burial, and resurrection. Yet, the Pharisees refused to believe. It is the same for people today. If you respond to the Gospel and repent as the men of Nineveh had done, you will avoid judgment and condemnation. You have a choice. What are you trusting in?

Matthew 12:42 gives another witness against the Pharisees' self-righteousness and unbelief. Jesus is referring to Himself when He said, "a greater than Solomon is here." The Pharisees had Jesus with them but they refused to believe in Him. They had rejected one greater than Jonah and one greater than Solomon. All of us have a choice to make. Rejection of Jesus brings judgment and condemnation.

Matthew 12:43-45 tells the dangers of refusing to believe in Jesus. When you refuse to believe on Him, you turn yourself over to believing a strong delusion. Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."