

“And you said, ‘Behold, the LORD our God has shown us
His glory and greatness,...” Theme verse

Deuteronomy 5:24



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Service of
Worship & Communion

Sunday, 5 January, 2020

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Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

BEHOLD, OUR GOD!

January 5th, 2020 Rev. Paul Garnes

On the final day of last year, my wife asked me to take a photo of her to complete her profile for work. She said it should be taken against a white background, so we searched out the best spot in the house and snapped the photo. I was about to show it to her when I took notice of it myself! I looked. Then I looked again. And then I looked some more. I really liked it. Which, as it turns out, is helpful when you're married to each other! I liked it not because of my fine photography skills—I could do with a class or two—but because the subject was and is so beautiful! What was happening here was that I was beholding her. Beholding is important for growth in relationships. (Think about how damaging the opposite would be!) I was intentionally gazing on her and appreciating every aspect of her features. The more I looked, the more I saw.

You can become so familiar with something or someone that you miss or overlook things—great things, even new things! Yes, you can be told about these new features, but it is far better to experience them for yourself. To see for yourself. To know for yourself. With God, we experience more of Him as we behold him. Deuteronomy 5:24 says “**Behold**, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness...” When last did you meditate on the glory and greatness of God? I mean, really think about God. Intentionally?

Diligently? Constantly? You see, it is easy to sing catchy tunes about God. To share cute pictures of Bible verses about God. Even, to dress up for church to hear about God. But do any of these things automatically mean that you know God? How well do you know Him? Do you want to know Him more? This was David's desire, "*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to **gaze** upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.*" (Psalm 27:4) Now that is something to look forward to! Yet, the best way to behold God right now is to deliberately meditate on His word—the Bible. Read it for content—get familiar with its stories and songs, its poems and prophecies, etc. Study it for depth—explore its themes and theology, its sufficiency and authority!

In this new year, 2020, let us ask the Lord to illuminate some aspect of the Scriptures that we may see Him as we never have before! Let us behold our God together!

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come, let us adore Him

Behold our King! Nothing can compare

Come, let us adore Him!¹

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Order of Service

January 5, 2020, 10:40 a.m.

THEME: "Behold, Our God..... In Creation" *Deut 5:24*

Opening - Choir

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:12 - 17

Hymn 16 - Immortal, Invisible

Hymn 32 - I sing the Mighty...

Hymn 82 - Praise to the Lord

Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Berean 2020 Theme Song - Choir

Hymn 801 - How Great Thou Art

Sermon - Rev. Paul Garnes

Hymn 72 - Fairest Lord Jesus

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

Special Music - Bro. Ryan Bayne

Benediction - Choir



ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Thank God for His continuous goodness to us personally and collectively during 2019
- Thank God for allowing us to see the new year 2020
- Continue to pray for our sick members, friends and relatives.
- Pray for the ministry of Pastor Paul Garnes, as well as for his family
- Pray for the care of our elderly and shut-ins
- Pray for those who are in grief over the loss of relatives
- For our unemployed members to find meaningful employment
- For the economic recovery of our country Barbados
- For the aversion of war in the Middle East
- For the peace of Jerusalem

January Birthdays



3 - Leslie Hull
- Patricia Welch

5 - Bertram Hoyte

6 - Christopher Boyce
- Pauline Williams

8 - Patrick Skeete

9 - Joy Banfield

10 - Joyce Wells

10 - Danica Knight

11 - Judane Mitchell

15 - Hilton Piggott

19 - Gary Lloyd

21 - Marion Manning

22 - Patricia Springer

23 - Truneal Kwang

- Leon King

30 - Gregory Douglas

31 - Doreen Phillips

- Joan Shepherd

February

1 - Tony Montague

Anniversaries



25 - Tyrone & Julia Lowe