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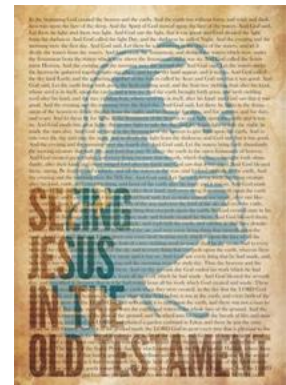
Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin! Keep reading for a meditation on Psalm 5:3, some exciting news about [CBI's YouTube channel](#), and more!

What's CBI?

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other resources to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God. If your congregation would like to host a seminar, please reach out to us at Concordia.Bible@cuw.edu

"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

- Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238)





Sacrificing and Watching

It's a pretty familiar verse from the book of Psalms, one that's found a home in various morning worship services across the centuries: "In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch" (Ps. 5:3). That's David's routine: morning by morning he prepares a sacrifice, and watches.

But all too often, the sacrifices *we* make each day add a little "addendum" to this verse. "In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch... to see how my sacrifice compares to those of the people around me." "In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and expect you to give me something right away in return for what I've done." "In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and hope that just going through the motions is good enough."

David, however, has the right fuel for the fire. He knows he can speak of preparing something for the Lord only because the Lord had first prepared a covenant with him. David had something to bring to the table only because the Lord had first prepared a table before him (Ps. 23:5). David knew that at the end of the day, the sacrifices of God...are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart (Ps. 51:17).

And here's the most amazing thing: David knew that the Spirit was speaking by him, and that ultimately, his words weren't really his own. And when you listen again to that verse about sacrifice as coming from great David's greater Son, it makes all the difference.

"In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch." Yes, in the morning of Good Friday, Jesus prepares a sacrifice for you and watches it atone for the sins of the world. In the morning of Easter, he prepares that same sacrifice for you to be **hci WYXUbX[`cf[ZfYXZUbX]b Yj Yfn8 lj]bYGMj]WZ\ Y [lj Ygh UhgLa YgUM]ZWhc nri Zcf Zcf[lj YbYgg]ZfUbXgUj Ujcb"**

And as that sacrifice goes forth, he watches. He watches how that sacrifice takes care of your deepest needs. He watches as that sacrifice keeps you close to him. He watches as that sacrifice sanctifies you and has a real effect on you and on others around you.

One last thing: that word "prepare" in Hebrew means to arrange, put in order, place this here, and put that there. Every new morning that comes along is a fresh day to arrange this time, put that talent, place these abilities, position those gifts, all for others, all for our Lord.

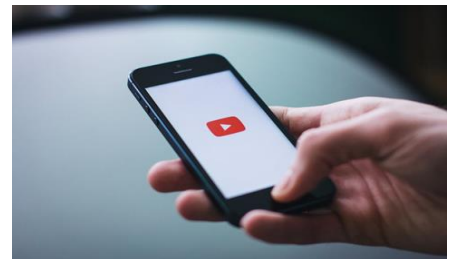
And then, just watch. If you're not sure what our Lord is up to in your life, just watch. It's in his hands, and that's the best place for it to be. If you're getting frustrated with how little your sacrifices appear to be doing, just watch. Your labor is not in vain; our Lord knows how to work through what you're doing. Watch how our Lord's sacrifice continues to give all the meaning to your sacrifices, and you'll have fresh confidence to keep doing whatever it is he's given you to do.

Dr. Brian German

Director of the Concordia Bible Institute



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Read the Bible in a Year

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
	1 Luke 1:46-55 Revelation 1-2	2 Psalm 1 Revelation 3-5	3 Psalm 2 Revelation 6-8	4 Psalm 3 Revelation 9-11	5 Psalm 4 Rev. 12-14	6 Psalm 5 Rev. 15-17
7 Psalm 6 Rev. 18-20	8 Psalm 7 Rev. 21-22	9 Psalm 8 Isaiah 1-3	10 Psalm 9 Isaiah 4-6	11 Psalm 10 Isaiah 7-9	12 Psalm 11 Isaiah 10-12	13 Psalm 12 Isaiah 13-15
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- **Adding This Month:** Dr. Saleska's teaching on 1 Peter, 2 Peter and Jude from the Spring of 2010; this is the last and latest video we have of Dr. Saleska's CBI presentations.

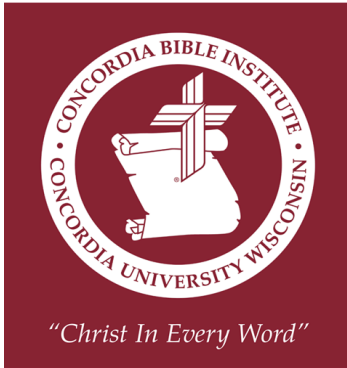


Heaven on Earth: A Study of the Book of Revelation

Dr. German's study offered through Continuing Education Studies of CUW

The book of Revelation is widely known for how it speaks about things that are way "up there" and way "down the road." While this is most certainly true, its real greatness is in the many fascinating ways it reveals the "right here" and the "right now" of what is taking place in Christian worship, the place where heaven meets earth. Come take a fresh look at this challenging book. This course features a close look at eight chapters from the book of Revelation, covered over six 30-minute video lectures, each supplemented with discussion questions and other instructional material. This course is online, you can take at your own pace, and the first (of five) sections is offered free, so you can sample before deciding on the whole series. Should you choose, the full series is only \$49.

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