

RECENTLY A FRIEND TEXTED ME, “I was praying for your little daughter Edith and her disability, and I had a cool thought of what worship of our Creator and Savior will be like in heaven. If God is infinite and limitless, I believe He is purposely preparing us in this life to worship Him in unique ways that will match up with His limitless goodness. I will worship God in a different way than you, because our experiences on earth are preparing for us ‘a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory’ (2 Corinthians 4:17). Edith is suffering in this life in a very rare way that breaks my heart. But what strengthened my heart is how her worship in heaven will have a whole different tone and richness that we will lack . . . Heaven’s chorus will have a void filled by Edith, shaped by her present sufferings, and God’s glory will be amplified.”

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him” (James 1:12).

From these verses I see that the Lord gives each of us affliction, but that it is for His glory and our good; it is preparing us for a much better place than where we are now. The afflictions we each experience is different, whether loss of a loved one, lifelong disabilities or pain. Each shows us different aspects of God’s character we can’t understand unless He has given that trial to us.

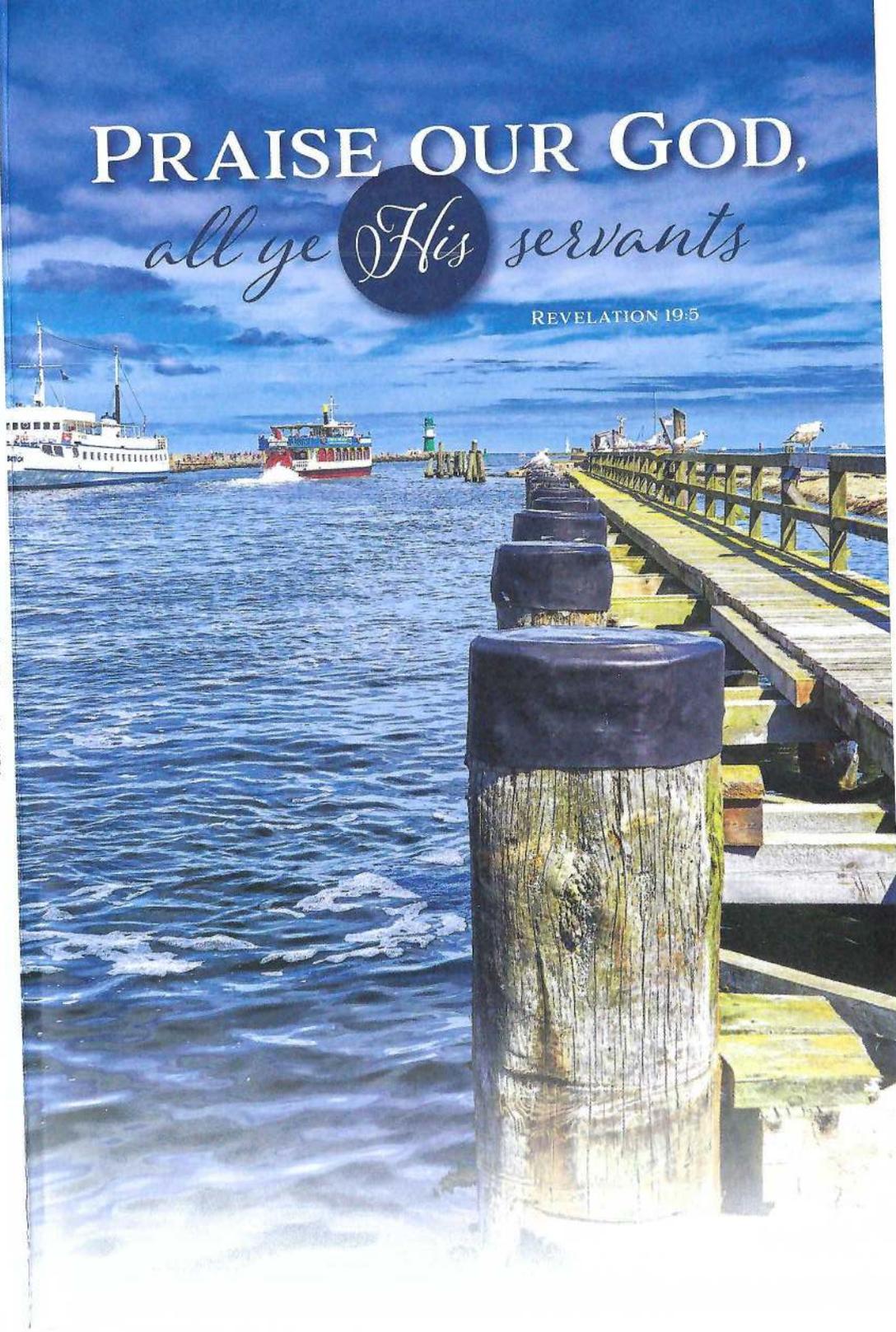
In Revelation 4:10-11 we read again that when we serve the Lord we will receive crowns—crowns meant to be cast before His throne in heaven as we worship Him: “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Matt Jacques

PRAISE OUR GOD, *all ye His servants*

REVELATION 19:5

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3115 N.W. 16th Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

April 3, 2022

Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #517 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ron Marks

Worship in Song

Hymn #208 Let The Redeemed

Hymn #209 This is the Day

Offertory Prayer

Joe Morgan

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sermon:

Reverend Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #504 Without Him

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for April is King's Ministry in Africa.

Closer to home, we will also be collecting supplies for Newberry High School. They are running low and need their closet replenished. Please keep in mind that May is the last month of school and extras will probably be needed to send home with them over the summer.

Celebrate Covenant's 35th Anniversary

Lunch will be provided after the service April 24th.

Please bring your favorite (or Don's favorite) dessert.

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.