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Reading And Praying Together

Lakeside Covenant PCA

July 2023

Jul 3, 2023

Prepare

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven!
Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness!
Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp!
Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and
flutes!
Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.
Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

- Psalm 150

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q31 -

Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, He persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 24
- 1 Timothy 6

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 4, 2023

Prepare

○ You Supreme! Most secret and most present, most beautiful and strong!
What shall I say, my God, my Life, my Holy Joy? What shall any man say when
he speaks of You?

- Prayer of Augustine

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q32 -

Q. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 25
- 2 Timothy 1

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Jul 5, 2023

Prepare

My Lord, I have nothing to do in this world, but to seek and serve you; I have nothing to do with a heart and its affections, but to breathe after you; I have nothing to do with my tongue and pen, but to speak to you, and for you, to publish your glory and your will.

- A prayer of Richard Baxter

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q33 -

Q. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, in which He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 26

- 2 Timothy 2

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Jul 6, 2023

Prepare

And Asa cried to the Lord his God, "O Lord, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, you are our God; let not man prevail against you."

- A prayer of Asa, King of Judah

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q34 -

Q. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 27
- 2 Timothy 3

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Jul 7, 2023

Prepare

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, we humbly submit ourselves, and fall down before your Majesty, asking you from the bottom of our hearts, that this seed of your Word now sown among us, may take such deep root, that neither the burning heat of persecution cause it to wither, nor the thorny cares of this life choke it. But that, as seed sown in good ground, it may bring forth thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold, as your heavenly wisdom has appointed.
Amen.

- Middelburg Liturgy

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q35 -

Q. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 28
- 2 Timothy 4

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

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Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 8, 2023

Prepare

Oh, precious Jesus—may I be no longer unfruitful in your garden!

Lord, do as you have said. Dig around me, and pour on me all the sweet influences of your Holy Spirit—which, like the rain, the sun, and the dew of heaven, may cause me to bring forth fruit to God.

- A selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q36 -

Q. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

God’s Word

- Psalm 80

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

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Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 9, 2023

Prepare

O, make your Word a swift Word, passing from ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip and conversation; that, as the rain returns not empty, so neither may your Word, but accomplish that for which it is given.

Amen.

- A prayer of George Herbert

Memorize

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Read

- Reread a passage of Scripture that you found especially helpful or interesting from this past week.

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Jul 10, 2023

Prepare

May I be renewed in the spirit of my mind.

You give me a new heart, and place a new spirit within me.

Make me a partaker of the divine nature, and as he who has called me is holy,
may I be holy in all I say.

- Selection from a prayer of Philip Doddridge

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q37 -

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

God's Glory

- 2 Chronicles 29

- Titus 1

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 11, 2023

Prepare

Lord, is it not better to make me your friend than to let me continue as your enemy?

Would you not be glorified more by raising a soul from sin than a Lazarus from the grave? Your power and mercy are shown greater by turning a dry stump into a fruitful and flourishing tree. So overcome my shameful nature by your merciful power. Change me from a venomous to a dove-like nature.

- Selection from a prayer of Stephen Charnock

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q38 -

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 30
- Titus 2

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Jul 12, 2023

Prepare

I cannot rest, I cannot work, I cannot do anything—sin is always hounding me.

And yet, blessed be your name, this I do: I fight against it. I wrestle with it, though it so often takes me down. I do not trust it, though it flatters me. I do not love it, though it feeds me.

My heart is with you, Lord. I am following after you. I groan and I struggle in pain, waiting for your redemption. Until I die, I will not give up.

I will die fighting. I will die hoping. I will die praying.

Save me, Lord. Do not delay, my God. Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Richard Alleine

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q39 -

Q. What is the duty which God requires of man?

A. The duty which God requires of man is obedience to His revealed will.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 31
- Titus 3

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

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Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 13, 2023

Prepare

Let us then admit the light, that we may admit you, God. Let us admit the light, and become disciples of the Lord. This, too, has been promised to the Father: "I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly will I praise you."

I once wandered in error, seeking God. But since you led me to the light, O Lord, I have found God through you, and received the Father from you. I have become a co-heir with Christ, since you were not ashamed to call me your own.

- A selection from a prayer of Clement of Alexandria

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q40 -

Q. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 32
- Philemon

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 14, 2023

Prepare

My soul yearns to know this most entangled enigma, Lord. Please do not shut it away, good Father. I beg you through Christ, do not close off those familiar and not-so-familiar things from me.

Do not keep me from entering, but let their light dawn on me in your mercy.

Who else could I ask? And to whom can I admit my ignorance? I long to understand your word. I never grow tired of it.

- Selection from a prayer of Augustine

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q41 -

Q. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 33

- John 1

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

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Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 15, 2023

Prepare

Precious Lord, continue to surprise my soul with the tokens of your love. All the tendencies of your grace, all the evidences of your favor, your visits, your love-tokens, your pardons, your renewing, your morning call, your mid-day feedings, your noon, your evening, your midnight grace.

All, all are among your wonderful ways of salvation, and all testify to my soul that your name, as well as your work, is, and must be, wonderful

- A selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q42 -

Q. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

God's Word

- Psalm 81

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 16, 2023

Prepare

Lord, if you give me yourself, I will have every gift. If you give me your Spirit, I will have every good thing.

Come, Holy Spirit, and dwell in my soul. I know you will make the place of your feet glorious. If only I have your presence, I will be all glorious within.

- Selection from a prayer of Isaac Ambrose

Memorize

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Read

God's Word

- Reread a passage of Scripture that you found especially helpful or interesting from this past week.

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Jul 17, 2023

Prepare

I pray that you may always find an everlasting spring and an overflowing fountain within me, which may always make me faithful, constant, and abundant in your work.

May I live daily under those inward teachings of the Spirit that enable me to speak from the heart to the heart, from the conscience to the conscience, and from experience to experience. Let me be a burning and a shining light.

- Selection from a prayer of Thomas Brooks

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q43 -

Q. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 34
- John 2

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 18, 2023

Prepare

O Lord, teach me to pray, that I may call upon your name. Prepare my heart to seek, and open your ears mercifully to hear me.

Almighty and eternal Lord God, you are the Creator and Continual Preserver of all things, both in heaven and earth. By your gracious providence I was at first fearfully and wonderfully made, and even now you keep me and preserve me.

I am the workmanship of your hands, and I desire to humble both soul and body before your heavenly majesty.

- Selection from a prayer of Robert Parker

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q44 -

Q. What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments.

God's Word

- 2 Chronicles 35
- John 3

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 19, 2023

Prepare

Blessed Jesus! We can add nothing to you, nothing to your glory, but it is a joy of heart to us that you are what you are, that you are so gloriously exalted at the right hand of God.

We long more fully and clearly to behold that glory, according to your prayer and promise.

- A prayer of John Owen

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q45 -

Q. Which is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, “You shall have no other gods before Me.”

God’s Word

- 2 Chronicles 36
- John 4

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 20, 2023

Prepare

“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

- A selection from Jesus’ prayer in John 17

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q46 -

Q. What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

God's Word

- Ezra 1
- John 5

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 21, 2023

Prepare

Lord, today you have set before me out of your word a glorious mystery—a righteousness of your Son that I did not know or care about before.

I see now my happiness lies there. No matter what happens to me in the world, and no matter what happens to my name or my worldly possessions, I am forever secure if I have Christ to clothe me.

- Selection from a prayer of Jeremiah Burroughs

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q47 -

Q. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to Him alone.

God's Word

- Ezra 2
- John 6

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 22, 2023

Prepare

For that person is indeed free who has begun to be led captive by you. Be present, then, in this work of yours. And be present to those of yours who are striving for you, beyond the measure of their own strength...

Remove the foul and deadly pollution of lies from that serpent of lies. Take away the uncleanness that blasphemy brings, and purify with your sacred cleansing those souls who are stuck in stinking mud.

- Selection from a prayer of John Cassian

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q48 -

Q. What are we specially taught by these words, "before me," in the first commandment?

A. These words, "before me," in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

God's Word

- Psalm 82

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 23, 2023

Prepare

Come, Lord, and use your keys. Open, so we understand.

You reveal so much, yet you are not believed. You warn us from the Scriptures, yet are not understood. Where hearts are closed, open and enter in.

“Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”

Open, Lord—yes, open the hearts of those who doubt you.

- A prayer of Augustine

Memorize

John 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Read

God's Word

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Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Jul 24, 2023

Prepare

May we be entirely yours! And may we make it our business, even on the very last day and hour of our lives, to glorify you with our bodies and with our spirits, which are yours.

Lord, we await your salvation. And in the meantime, we will follow your commands. Filled with life by so exalted a hope, we will purify ourselves, even as you are pure.

Amen!

- A selection from a prayer of Philip Doddridge

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q49 -

Q. Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

God's Word

- Ezra 3
- John 7

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 25, 2023

Prepare

I pray that prayer would follow praise, and praise grow into prayer. That there may be a movement to magnify and adore the riches of your grace. That the name of Jesus may be always in my mouth—from that one blessed source, that Jesus lives in my heart, and rules, and reigns, and is formed there in the hope of glory.

- A selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q50 -

Q. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in His Word.

God's Word

- Ezra 4
- John 8

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

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Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 26, 2023

Prepare

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who is, and was, and is to come.

O you, whose name alone is Yahweh, and who is the Most High over all the earth.

O God, you are our God, early will we seek you. Our God, we will praise you; our fathers' God, we will exalt you.

- A selection from a prayer of Matthew Henry

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q51 -

Q. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

God's Word

- Ezra 5
- John 9

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

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Supplication -

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Jul 27, 2023

Prepare

Precious Jesus, you are the Source, the Fountain, the Author, the Finisher of all.

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are your judgments, and your ways past tracing out!"...

Glorious light and life of my soul! Continue your sweet influence, morning by morning, at dawn, and during the evening star of your grace. Continue until, after many wintry days of my blindness, ignorance, and senseless state, you renew me in the precious discoveries of your love.

- Selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q52 -

Q. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He has to His own worship.

God's Word

- Ezra 6
- John 10

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 28, 2023

Prepare

You are God, not human. You do not have eyes of flesh, and you do not see things as we do. Your days are not as our days.

As heaven is high above the earth, so are your thoughts above our thoughts, and your ways above our ways. All nations before you are like a drop in the bucket, or a speck of dust on the balance.

- Selection from a prayer of Matthew Henry

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism Q53 -

Q. Which is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

God's Word

- Ezra 7
- John 11

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 29, 2023

Prepare

You are the King eternal, immortal, invisible. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God—the same yesterday, today, and forever.

From of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. The created things will perish, but you will endure. All of them will wear out like a garment, but you are the same, and your years will have no end.

- A selection from a prayer of Matthew Henry

Memorize

John 1:9-11 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q54 -

Q. What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

God's Word

- Psalm 83

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 30, 2023

Prepare

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!

For who can know the Lord's thoughts?
Who knows enough to give him advice?
And who has given him so much
that he needs to pay it back?

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

- Prayer of Paul the Apostle

Memorize

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Read

God's Word

- Reread a passage of Scripture that you found especially helpful or interesting from this past week.

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Jul 31, 2023

Prepare

Return, O Lord! How long? Let your kingdom come! Your desolate bride says *come*, for your Spirit within her says *come*—the one who teaches her to pray with groanings which cannot be expressed.

The whole creation says *come*, waiting to be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

And you yourself have said, *surely I come*. Amen, even, so come, Lord Jesus.

- Selection from a prayer of Richard Baxter

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q55 -

Q. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God makes Himself known.

God's Word

- Ezra 8
- John 12

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 1, 2023

Prepare

Your kingdom come, Lord! Raise, Lord; enlarge, Lord; establish your kingdom! For yours is the glory. And unless you want your glory confined only to heaven, or account the praises and eternal hallelujahs of saints and angels enough adoration for your great name, Lord, have regard to this your poor decaying kingdom.

For only in it, and in heaven, is your glory celebrated...

Lord, you are still the same God. Your essence is eternal. Your attributes will never change. Your power, wisdom, and mercy are the same as ever. So in your mercy, grant us the same favor.

Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Ezekiel Hopkins

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q56 -

Q. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape His righteous judgment.

God's Word

- Ezra 9
- John 13

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 2, 2023

Prepare

Most loving Father, we humbly ask that you would look down from heaven in great mercy upon your whole church, and every member of it. Be favorable to Zion and build up the walls of Jerusalem...

Bless it with your grace, guide it with your Spirit, and defend it always with your mighty power.

Scatter, confound, and overthrow any forces that fight against the church, and have mercy on the church in this land. Bless us with true faith.

- Selection from a prayer of Arthur Dent

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q57 -

Q. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath

to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy.”

God's Word

- Ezra 10
- John 14

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 3, 2023

Prepare

Christ Jesus, you are true and eternal God, and true and holy man—all in one.
You retain the properties of both natures in the unity of your person.

We acknowledge you, and we worship you. We come to you and fall at your feet. We look for salvation from your hand alone.

- Selection from a prayer of Herman Witsius

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q58 -

Q. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as He has appointed in His Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to Himself.

God's Word

- Nehemiah 1

- John 15

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 4, 2023

Prepare

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

- A prayer of Mary the mother of Jesus

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q59 -

Q. Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath, and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

God's Word

- Nehemiah 2
- John 16

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 5, 2023

Prepare

No other power can be found to remedy the evil or the spirit of injustice that once dominated our race.

But your compassion has reached us where we were and restored our lives, lives that had been ruined by violence and immoral living born from human passions.

- Selection from a prayer of Eusebius of Caesarea

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q60 -

Q. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

God's Word

- Psalm 84

Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)

Aug 6, 2023

Prepare

Christ the Son of God most high, look on me with pity. I come to you as a
humble beggar.

Look on me—will you be disappointed, full of sorrow? In your mercy, let me
see you, blessed Jesus

And if someone like me, even me, may appear in your clear glory, in the light
you have created, I will worship you in song.

Healer of body and soul, in you may I find my rest, with Father and Spirit,
blessed.

Amen.

- A prayer of Synesius

Memorize

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave
the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the
will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Read

God's Word

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Meditate (How does the reading point to Jesus? How does the reading point you to Jesus?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

Rest in Christ ("Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a)