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Reading and Praying Together

Lakeside Covenant PCA

November 2023

Nov 6, 2023

Prepare

O Son of God and Son of Man, you were incarnate, suffered, rose, ascended for my sake; Your departure was not a token of separation but a pledge of return; Your Word, promises, sacraments, show your death until you come again.

That day is no horror to me, for your death has redeemed me, your Spirit fills me, your love animates me, your Word governs me.

- A selection from "The Second Coming" in *The Valley of Vision*

Memorize

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

- Proverbs 3
- Hebrews 7

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

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Pray

Adoration -

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Supplication -

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

Nov 7, 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 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

- Proverbs 4
- Hebrews 8

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

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Nov 8, 2023

Prepare

Transform me more and more into the image of Christ. Impart to me all the influences I need of your purifying, cheering, and comforting Spirit. Let me spend my life under those influences, in the light of your countenance. And when the hour of death comes, may I remember your covenant, “ordered in all things, and secure” —grant me “all my salvation, and all my desire” (2 Samuel 23:5).

- Selection from a prayer of Philip Doddridge

Memorize

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

- Proverbs 5
- Hebrews 9

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

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Nov 9, 2023

Prepare

Lord, why do angels not want so many things as we do? The less we need, the more we are like them. But the more we need, the more we sink down to this perishable life. We just have to ask those who have grown old which life they deem happiest—when they were helplessly mastered, or now when they are masters of these things... Help us then to be free from this grievous bondage. Why do we devise ten thousand chains for ourselves? Is not the bond of nature enough, and the necessity of life, and the crowd of affairs? May we not also twine other nets, and put them about our feet.

- Selection from a prayer of John Chrysostom

Memorize

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

- Proverbs 6
- Hebrews 10

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

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46:10a)

NOV 10, 2023

Prepare

My sin is that my heart is pleased or troubled as things please or trouble me, without my having a regard to Christ; I am like Eli, the subject of punishment for not rebuking sin; whereas I should humbly confess my sin and fly to the blood of Christ for pardon and peace.

Give me, then, repentance, true brokenness, lasting contrition, for these things you will not despise in spite of my sin.

- Selection from "Passion" in *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

- Proverbs 7
- Hebrews 11

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

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NOV 11, 2023

Prepare

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

- A selection from Jesus’ prayer in John 17:24-26

Memorize

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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 98

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

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NOV 12, 2023

Prepare

Bless your word, wherever it is spoken today throughout the universal church. Make it a word of power and peace, to convert those who are not yet yours, and to confirm those who are.

- Selection from a prayer of George Herbert

Memorize

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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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NOV 13, 2023

Prepare

Lord Jehovah, judge my cause and fight for me against Satan and his host. Lay the strong one low! I have cast off his yoke, and renounced his cursed power. He doubly hates this, and longs to seize me as his prey. I flee to you and to your cross for help. He would win if you did not deliver me—but you have already defeated him. Do not let him conquer me! Put him to shame, O Lord my God! Give me the victory!

- Selection from a prayer of Ephraim the Syrian

Memorize

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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 Word

- Proverbs 8
- Hebrews 12

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

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NOV 14, 2023

Prepare

Spare your people, O Lord, and do not allow your heritage to be treated unfairly (Joel 2:17).

Feed us, Lord, so we do not become as we were in the beginning, when you did not rule over us, and we did not call on your name.

- A selection from a prayer of Theodoret

Memorize

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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

- Proverbs 9
- Hebrews 13

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

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Nov 15, 2023

Prepare

O Lord of Grace, I have been hasty and short in private prayer, O quicken my conscience to feel this folly, to bewail this ingratitude; my first sin of the day leads into others, and it is just that you should withdraw your presence from one who waited carelessly on you.

Keep me at all times from robbing you, and from depriving my soul of your due worship...

- Selection from “Penitence” in *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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

- Proverbs 10
- James 1

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

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Nov 16, 2023

Prepare

O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'

- A prayer of Jacob (Genesis 32:9-12)

Memorize

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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

- Proverbs 11
- James 2

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

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Nov 17, 2023

Prepare

Dearest Lord Jesus, I blush when I think of how your glory was veiled in humiliation; and then I compare it to how often my poor fallen nature has been hurt by some imagined, trivial offense.

I desire the same attitude as yours, Jesus, when you humbled yourself. Amen.

- A prayer of Robert Hawker

Memorize

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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

- Proverbs 12
- James 3

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

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NOV 18, 2023

Prepare

Without ceasing, my God, I will step into the doorway of your house, asking boldly for your grace, to receive it with confidence. Lord, our hope, be our wall...

Have mercy, Lord who was once a child, on these children.

Hear the cry of your little ones. Save them by your grace.

They cry out from the midst of this flock of sheep to the shepherd of all.

Deliver us!

Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Ephraim the Syrian

Memorize

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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 99

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

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NOV 19, 2023

Prepare

In our want, we pray for the things we need. We will bring untiring energy to the study of your prophets and apostles, and we will knock for entrance at every gate of hidden knowledge.

But it is up to you to answer the prayer and grant what we seek. It is up to you to open the door on which we beat. Our minds are born with dull and clouded vision, and our feeble intellect is formed within barriers of ignorance about heavenly things.

- Selection from a prayer of Hilary of Poitiers

Memorize

Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Read

God's Word

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

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Nov 20, 2023

Prepare

May I never be ashamed of Jesus or his words, be deterred from fulfilling a known duty through fear, be discouraged from attempting it through weakness.

May I see all things in a divine light so that they may inform my judgment and sanctify my heart. And by all the disciplines of your providence, and all the ordinances of religion, may I be increasingly prepared for life’s remaining duties, the solemnities of a dying hour, and the joys and services that lie beyond the grave.

- Selection from “Requests” in *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

Psalm 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

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

- Proverbs 13
- James 4

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

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NOV 21, 2023

Prepare

Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.” But the Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book. But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.”

- A prayer of Moses (Exodus 32:31-34)

Memorize

Psalm 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

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

- Proverbs 14
- James 5

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

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Nov 22, 2023

Prepare

I accept of all that is yours, both your yoke and your cross. I
accept you, Lord—your love, and whatever you will.

Lord, if you love, let me love you. I will seek until I can see.

Let me see, until I can love.

What do I have here, Lord? My all is with you: my help, my
hope, my treasure. My life is hidden with Christ in God. Yet
this is all nothing to me, while my heart is not with you.

Take it Lord, take it up. Where my treasure is, there let my
heart be also. Amen.

- Selection from a prayer of Richard Alleine

Memorize

Psalm 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that
yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all
that he does, he prospers.

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

- Proverbs 15
- Matthew 1

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

Pray

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NOV 23, 2023

Prepare

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to be able to pray all together to you for our common needs. You have promised that when two or three are gathered in your name, you will grant their requests. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and requests of your servants, in a way that is best for them. Grant us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

- A prayer of John Chrysostom

Memorize

Psalm 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

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

- Proverbs 16
- Matthew 2

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

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

NOV 24, 2023

Prepare

With our hearts now filled with the Spirit, we do dwell. In the past, we were moved to do evil, forsaking you. But you, the One, the good God, never stopped doing good. And we also own good gifts from you, though they are not eternal, and after them we trust we will rest in your great holiness.

- Selection from a prayer of Augustine of Hippo

Memorize

Psalm 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

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

- Proverbs 17
- Matthew 3

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

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NOV 25, 2023

Prepare

God of the passing hour, another week has gone and I have
been preserved in my going out, in my coming in.

Yours has been the vigilance that has turned threatened
evils aside;

Yours the supplies that have nourished me;

Yours the comforts that have indulged me;

Yours the relations and friends that have delighted me;

Yours the means of grace which have edified me;

Yours the Book, which, amid all my enjoyments, has told
me that this is not my rest, that in all successes one thing
alone is needful, to love my Savior.

- A selection from "Lord's Day Eve" in the *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

Psalm 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that
yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all
that he does, he prospers.

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 100

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

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Nov 26, 2023

Prepare

O Lord my Lord, this is the day, the heavenly ordinance of rest, the open door of worship, the record of Jesus; resurrection, the seal of the sabbath to come, the day when saints militant and triumphant unite in endless song... Give me in rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart; May my heart be fast bound against worldly thoughts or cares...

- A selection from “The Lord’s Day” in the *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

Psalm 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Read

God’s Word

- 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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NOV 27, 2023

Prepare

O my Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities.

- A selection from “A Disciple’s Renewal” in *Valley of Vision*

Memorize

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

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

- Proverbs 18
- Matthew 4

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

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Nov 28, 2023

Prepare

When I meet with others, Lord, may no corrupting talk come from my mouth, but only what is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear (Ephesians 4:29).

When I face difficulties, Lord, give me the wisdom which gives success (Ecclesiastes 10:10). Teach me your way, and lead me in a clear path (Psalm 27:11).

When I encounter temptations, let your strength, O gracious Redeemer, be made perfect in my weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). Amen

- Selection from a prayer of Philip Doddridge

Memorize

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

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

- Proverbs 19
- Matthew 5

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Nov 29, 2023

Prepare

Lord, in your mercy, hear the prayers of these believers. Give them the desires of their hearts, for their good. Reveal to them the gospel, give them understanding, lead them in the knowledge of God, and implant in them awe and reverence for you.

Open the ears of their hearts, that they may grow in your ways, day and night.

- Selection from a prayer from the
 - *Apostolic Constitutions*

Memorize

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q51 -

Q: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

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

God's Word

- Proverbs 20
- Matthew 6

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

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Pray

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Rest in Christ (“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm

46:10a)

Nov 30, 2023

Prepare

Divine Word of truth, today I have not been all light. I have not kept the day as completely and wholly yours. You have seen the dark spots of failure.

Now the sun has set and the night has won. I have worked against you, my Lord. I vowed and thought to do, but failed. My steps slid somewhere else.

Darkness came from below, obscuring the way of safety.
Bring back your light, O Christ.
Turn darkness into day.
Amen.

- A prayer of Gregory Nazianzen

Memorize

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

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

- Proverbs 21
- Matthew 7

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)

Dec 1, 2023

Prepare

Risen and exalted Jesus, send down your ascension gifts. Or better, come down yourself and dwell among us. Set up your church in the earth, and in the hearts and souls of your people. Reign and rule here, Lord of life and glory.

- A selection from a prayer of Robert Hawker

Memorize

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Read

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

- Proverbs 22
- Matthew 8

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)

Dec 2, 2023

Prepare

Mighty God, I humble myself for faculties misused,
opportunities neglected, words ill-advised
I repent of my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken
resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain
thoughts.
O bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus’ blood and let no evil
result from my fretful temper, unseemly behavior,
provoking pettiness.

- A selection from the prayer “Humility in Service” in
Valley of Vision

Memorize

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the
wind drives away.

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 101

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)

Dec 3, 2023

Prepare

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- A prayer of Jesus (Matthew 11:25-30)

Memorize

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Read

God's Word

- 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?)

Pray

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