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Reading and Praying

Together

March 2024

Mar 4, 2024

Prepare

Almighty God, we ask that You would grant our pastor a heart that continually seeks after godliness. Help him to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May he be diligent in prayer, study, and meditation, and may he walk in the fear of the Lord all the days of his life.

- A selection from *A Treasury of Prayer for the Saints*

Memorize

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q25 -

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

God's Word

- Isaiah 38
- Acts 22

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

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

46:10a)

Mar 5, 2024

Prepare

We have to battle with the sons of men against a thousand errors and unrighteousness, but when we flee to Thee, there all is truth and purity and holiness, and our heart finds peace. Above all, we have to battle with ourselves and we are very much ashamed of ourselves. After many years of great mercy, after tasting of the powers of the world to come, we still are so weak, so foolish, but oh! when we get away from self to God, there all is truth and purity and holiness and our heart finds peace, wisdom, completeness, delight, joy, victory.

- A prayer of Charles Spurgeon

Memorize

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q26 -

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

God's Word

- Isaiah 39
- Acts 23

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Mar 6, 2024

Prepare

Dear God, let your Word shine in our hearts by
Your Holy Spirit. Make it so bright and warm
that we always find our comfort and joy in it. Amen.

- A prayer of Martin Luther

Memorize

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q27 -

Q: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low
condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life,
the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being
buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

God's Word

- Isaiah 40
- Acts 24

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Mar 7, 2024

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Stretch forth, O Lord, Thy mercy over all Thy servants everywhere, even the right hand of heavenly help, that they may seek Thee with their whole heart, and obtain what they rightly ask for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- A selection from the Gelasian Sacramentary

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Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism Q28 -

Q: Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

God's Word

- Isaiah 41
- Acts 25

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Mar 8, 2024

Prepare

Lord, help me, for I am often lukewarm and chill; unbelief mars my confidence, sin makes me forget You.

Let the weeds that grow in my soul be cut at their roots; grant me to know that I truly live only when I live to You, that all else is trifling.

Your presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong, and happy.
Abide in me, gracious God.

- A selection from "Resting On God" in *The Valley of Vision*

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Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q29 -

Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

God's Word

- Isaiah 42
- Acts 26

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Mar 9, 2024

Prepare

Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD,
exulting in his salvation.

I will thank you in the great congregation;
in the mighty throng I will praise you.

Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness
and of your praise all the day long.

- Psalm 35: 9,18,28

Memorize

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q30 -

Q: How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

God's Word

- Psalm 114

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Mar 10, 2024

Prepare

We thank You, our Father, for that life which You have made known to us by Jesus Your Son, by whom all things were made, and takes care of the whole world; whom You have sent to become man for our salvation; whom You have permitted to suffer and to die; whom You have raised up, and been pleased to glorify, and have set Him down on Your right hand; by whom You have promised us the resurrection of the dead. We also, our Father, thank You for the precious blood of Jesus Christ, which was shed for us, and for His precious body, whereof we celebrate this representation, as He appointed us, “to show forth His death.” For through Him glory is to be given to You forever. Amen.
- A selection from Apostolic Constitutions

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God's Word

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Mar 11, 2024

Prepare

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn
but the sword of righteousness,
no strength known but the strength of love:

So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples
may be gathered under the banner of the
Prince of Peace, as children of one Father;
to whom be dominion and glory,
now and forever. Amen.

- A selection from *Book of Common Prayer*

Memorize

Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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

- Isaiah 43
- Acts 27

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Mar 12, 2024

Prepare

Covenant Lord, write Your law on our hearts. Inscribe it in our inward being, that we may appear to everyone as letters sent from Christ, written by the Spirit of the living God. Let our hearts be tender, fleshly tablets rather than hardened tablets of stone, that your law may be engraved on them. Do not let our steps slide.

Let our chief happiness come from doing Your will.

Let us delight in Your law in our inmost being.

From Heb. 8:10; 2 Cor. 3:3; Psa. 37:31; 40:8; Rom. 7:22

- A selection from *A Way to Pray*

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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

- Isaiah 44
- Acts 28

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Mar 13, 2024

Prepare

Almighty God, who fills all things with Your presence, we meekly beseech You, of Your great love, to keep us near to You this day; grant that in all our ways and doings we may remember that You see us, and may always have grace to know and perceive what things You would have us to do, and strength to do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- A selection from *An Ancient Collect*

Memorize

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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

- Isaiah 45
- Romans 1

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Mar 14, 2024

Prepare

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to You among the nations.

For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let Your glory be over all the earth!

- Psalm 57:9-11

Memorize

Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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

- Isaiah 46
- Romans 2

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Mar 15, 2024

Prepare

O Lord our God, Your name “Father” is from eternity, and from this moment we cry out as children to You. You are the Father of our spirits, the one to whom we should be in subjection and live. You are the Father of Lights, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation. You are the eternal Father from whom, through whom, and for whom are all things.

From Heb.12:9; Jas.1 :17; 2 Cor.1:3; Isa.9:6; Rom.11:36

- A selection from *A Way to Pray*

Memorize

Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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

- Isaiah 47
- Romans 3

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Mar 16, 2024

Prepare

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and supplication, each prayer perfumed with the incense of atoning blood. Help me, defend me, until from praying ground I pass to the realm of unceasing praise. Urged by my need, invited by Your promises, allied by Your Spirit, I enter Your presence, worshiping You with godly fear, awed by Your majesty, greatness, glory, but encouraged by Your love.

- A selection from "Meeting God" in *The Valley of Vision*

Memorize

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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 115

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Mar 17, 2024

Prepare

Grant us, O Lord and Father, that with true faith we may keep this Supper of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus, as He has ordained it, so that we truly receive and enjoy the true communion of His body and blood, of our Savior Himself, who is the only saving bread of heaven. In this holy sacrament, He wishes to offer and give Himself so that He may live in us, and we in Him, being members of His body and serving You fruitfully in every way to the common edification of Your Church, being set free from every passion of our evil, corrupted flesh, from all anger, vexation, envy, hatred, selfishness, lewdness, unchastity, and what more there may be of the condemned work of the flesh: to the end that, by all means, we as Your obedient children may ever lift up our hearts and souls to You in true childlike trust, and always call upon You.

- A prayer of Martin Bucer

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God's Word

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Mar 18, 2024

Prepare

Gracious Father,
we humbly pray for your holy universal Church,
fill it with all truth; in all truth with all peace.
Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it;
where it is superstitious, rectify it;
where in anything it is amiss, reform it;
where it is right, strengthen and confirm it,
where it is in want, furnish it;
where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it,
O Holy One of Israel.
- A selection from a prayer of William Laud

Memorize

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

- Isaiah 48
- Romans 4

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Mar 19, 2024

Prepare

O heavenly Father, You have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold Your gracious hand in all Your works; that, rejoicing in Your whole creation, we may learn to serve You with gladness; for the sake of Him through whom all things were made, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- A selection from *Book of Common Prayer*

Memorize

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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

- Isaiah 49
- Romans 5

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Mar 20, 2024

Prepare

Heavenly Father, in times of uncertainty and anxiety, I turn to You as my rock and my refuge. Though the future may be uncertain and the road ahead may be difficult, I know that You are faithful and true, and that You will never abandon me. Help me to trust in You with all my heart and to lean not on my own understanding. May I acknowledge You in all my ways, and may You direct my paths.

When my thoughts are scattered and my emotions are overwhelming, may Your Word be a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. May I find comfort and strength in Your promises, and may Your Spirit guide me into all truth.

- A selection from *A Treasury of Prayers for the Saints*

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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

- Isaiah 50
- Romans 6

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Mar 21, 2024

Prepare

Eternal, Almighty, and most gracious God: heaven is Your throne, and earth is Your footstool; holy and reverend is Your name; You are praised by the angels of heaven, and in the gathering of Your church on earth. Through Your word, allow us to taste the flavor of eternal life. Make us fervent in prayer and joyful in praise. Help us serve You this day without distraction, that we may find that a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, and that it is good for us to come near to God; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of Richard Baxter

Memorize

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

- Isaiah 51
- Romans 7

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Mar 22, 2024

Prepare

I pray, O God, pour out Your Holy Spirit - the Spirit of prayer - that I may ever love and desire to pray; being daily free to approach You, with all confidence in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ; to bow before You in every time of need, as a child well-beloved. Grant that when my help delays, I shall be patient, not dictating to You either time or measure, but to wait and abide Your own good time. Amen.

- A selection from a prayer of William Loehe

Memorize

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

- Isaiah 52
- Romans 8

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Mar 23, 2024

Prepare

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before You, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for Your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in the Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification.

Amen.

- A prayer of Henry Thornton

Memorize

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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 116

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Mar 24, 2024

Prepare

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- A selection from *Book of Common Prayer*

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Mar 25, 2024

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Lord, the condemnation was Yours, that the justification might be mine. The agony was Yours, that the victory might be mine.

The pain was Yours, and the ease mine. The stripes were Yours, and the healing balm issuing from mine. The vinegar and gall were Yours, that the honey and sweet be mine. The curse was Yours, that the blessing might be mine. The crown of thorns was Yours, that the crown of glory might be mine. The death was Yours, the life purchased by it mine. You paid the price that I might enjoy the inheritance.

- A prayer of John Flavel

Memorize

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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

- Isaiah 53
- Romans 9

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Mar 26, 2024

Prepare

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- From "Rock of Ages" by Augustus Toplady

Memorize

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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

- Isaiah 54
- Romans 10

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Mar 27, 2024

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My Father, Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy, cast off that I might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, athirst that I might drink, tormented that I might be comforted, made a shame that I might inherit glory, entered darkness that I might have eternal light.

- A selection from "Love Lustres at Calvary" in *The Valley of Vision*

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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

- Isaiah 55
- Romans 11

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Mar 28, 2024

Prepare

O God our Father, we come again now to the cross whereon the Savior bled; we give another look of faith to Him. We gaze into the body of the Son of God, pierced with nails, parched with thirst, bleeding, dying, because “it pleased the Father to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.” Lord God, we see in Your crucified Son a sacrifice for sin; we see how You have made Him to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him; and we do over again accept Him to be everything to us.

- A selection from a prayer of Charles Spurgeon

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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

- Isaiah 56
- Romans 12

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

46:10a)

Mar 29, 2024

Prepare

My Father, my Saviour wept that all tears might be wiped from my eyes, groaned that I might have endless song, endured all pain that I might have unfading health, bore a thorny crown that I might have a glory-diadem, bowed His head that I might uplift mine, experienced reproach that I might receive welcome, closed His eyes in death that I might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that I might forever live.

- A selection from "Love Lustres at Calvary" in *The Valley of Vision*

Memorize

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Read

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q47 -

Q: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping 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

- Isaiah 57
- Romans 13

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

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Mar 30, 2024

Prepare

Father God, we can't begin to understand the mystery of this day when Jesus' body lay in the tomb and the disciples waited together in wonder and in prayer. For all those times when we can't see You at work, for all the hours of waiting between prayers and answers, for all the times we walk by faith, we thank You that You're patient with our restless wondering. You are at work even when we don't see you. Increase our faith, in Jesus' name. Amen.

- "Holy Week Prayers" by Lori Stanley Roeleveld

Memorize

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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 117

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

Adoration -

Confession -

Thanksgiving -

Supplication -

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Mar 31, 2024

Prepare

Adorable Redeemer, You who were lifted upon a cross have ascended to highest heaven. You, who as Man of Sorrows was crowned with thorns, are now as Lord of Life wreathed with glory. What more could be done that You have done! Your death is my life, Your resurrection my peace, Your ascension my hope, Your prayers my comfort.

- A selection from "Resurrection" in *The Valley of Vision*

Memorize

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Read

God's Word

- Reread a passage that particularly spoke to you this week.

Meditate (How does the reading help you to love God? How does the reading help you to love others?)

Pray

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