



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

The Attributes of Scripture

This week's guide will help us think more deeply about what Scripture is and what it is not. We will learn that it is sufficient for us and clear. We will also learn some big words like "Inerrancy" and "Infallibility." My prayer is that you have a new found love for God's Word after this week.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Inspiration

Read: 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:21

The foundation of all we know about the Bible is that it is inspired or “God-breathed.” What does this mean? The Bible is a collection of 66 books written over thousands of years with dozens of human authors in three languages. However, God Himself worked with and through men to guide them in writing His perfect Word so that it is written by man but has its source in God.

This matters because this means the Bible is not just a book made up by men but actually from God, we can know that it is true, sufficient, perfect, good, and more. When we read our Bibles, we cannot read it like it is a collection of historical writings. These books are God revealing Himself to us so that we can know Him, love Him, and serve Him in every part of our lives.

As we spend each day in a different attribute of Scripture, all of them depend on the fact that the Bible is God-breathed. If the Bible did not have dual-authorship, then it could contain errors, it would have no authority, it would not be clear, and it would have no ability to care for our souls.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God...”- Every book of the Bible has its source in God written by human authors carried by the Spirit.

“... and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...”- Scripture shows us who God is, where we have strayed in sin, calls us to holiness, and fosters a love for God.

“... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” God’s purpose in giving us the work is that we have all that we need to live in this world for His glory in body and soul.

Discussion Questions:

How can we better practice treating Bible reading as hearing from God Himself?

Pray

God, thank you for your Word which you gave for us to know and love you.

Sing

Be Thou My Vision

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



TUESDAY

Inerrancy/Infallibility

Read: Psalm 119:60; Isaiah 40:8

When we learn the Word, the world will try to convince us that the Bible has errors in it and can fail. The irony is that the Bible often has declared true what scientists only recently discover; for example, the scientific community believed the world had always existed until the 1900s though Christians had described a sudden creation full of light well before scientists. This is besides the point because whether we have evidence that later proves us right or not, the Bible does not have errors in it.

Because the Bible is from God, we must believe that the Word is perfect; if the human authors or anyone else introduced an error, then it would no longer be the Word of God. God does not fail in what He designs, so we know that what we have received from Him is perfect just as He is (Ps 18:30).

Everything that the Bible teaches as fact must be true. This is beautiful because when we hear the Word say that God desires us and seeks to save us, we know this and all else the Word teaches is true and perfect.

“I think it is extremely dangerous to admit that anything in the Sacred Books should be a lie; that is, that the men who have composed and written the Scriptures for us should have lied in their books...if we once admit in that supreme authority even one well-intentioned lie, there will be nothing left of those books, because, whenever anyone finds something difficult to practice or hard to believe, he will follow this most dangerous precedent and explain it as the idea or practice of a lying author.” -Augustine

If we say the Bible has errors, we define truth instead of God.

Discussion Question

How can we better defend the truth of Scripture?

Pray

Teach me God to always trust that your Word is true and seek it instead of the world's answers.

Sing

Psalm 19
By Corner Room

PSALM 19



[Chorus]

Let the words of my mouth
And the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer

[Verse 1]

The heavens declare the glory of
God
And the sky above proclaims His
handiwork
Day to day pours out speech
And night to night reveals
knowledge

There is no speech, nor are there
words
Whose voice is not heard

[Pre-Chorus 1]

Their voice goes out through all the
earth
And their words to the end of the
world

[Verse 2]

In them He has set a tent for the
sun
Which comes out like a bridegroom
leaving his chamber
And, like a strong man, runs its
course with joy
Its rising is from the end of the
heavens
And its circuit to the end of them
And there is nothing hidden from its
heat

[Pre-Chorus 2]

The law of the Lord is perfect
(reviving the soul)
The testimony of the Lord is sure
(making wise the simple)
The precepts of the Lord are right
(rejoicing the heart)
The commandment of the Lord is
pure, (enlightening the eyes)
The fear of the Lord is clean
(enduring forever)
The rules of the Lord are true
And righteous altogether

[Bridge]

More to be desired are they than
gold
Even much fine gold
Sweeter also than honey
And drippings of the honeycomb
Moreover, by them is Your servant
warned
In keeping them there is great
reward
Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden
faults
Keep back Your servant also from
presumptuous sins
Let them not have dominion over
me
Then I shall be blameless
And innocent of great transgression

WEDNESDAY

Authority

Read: Isaiah 55:11; Acts 17:11

The Bible is our supreme authority. You may have heard the term sola Scriptura which means “Scripture alone.” The Reformers taught that the church must return to its love for Scripture and submit to it above all things. This does not mean that things like tradition and church history are bad things but that only Scripture has total authority and that they only should serve Scripture.

The church struggles with this in two ways today. Some might say “no creed but the Bible” (which is a creed) and trust only their own way of reading Scripture. Others allow traditions and man’s ideas to carry more weight than the Word. Both lead to a person’s own preferences having the authority only the Bible can have. The Bible alone tells us who man is, who God is, what is good, what to do, and how to have hope.

Peter says in Acts 5:29, “We must obey God rather than men.” We can only do this when we allow the Bible to shape our whole lives. When we try to define ourselves or live our way, we deny that the Word of God is the true authority and deny God worship.

In Genesis 1 God speaks creation into existence. The phrase “God said” appears ten times in this one chapter, and each time, God shows He has authority over what He speaks. What things does God have authority over in this passage?

“Therefore, whenever any one is assailed by temptation of any sort whatever, the very best that he can do in the case is either to read something in the Holy Scriptures, or think about the Word of God, and apply it to his heart.” - Martin Luther

When temptation comes, God not only has the power in His Word to command us to walk in truth but the power to bring us to obedience.

Discussion Question:

How can you start living by the authority of Scripture?

Pray

Lord, help me not place anything in my life above what your Word tells me.

Sing

Good Shepherd of My Soul

GOOD SHEPHERD OF MY SOUL

[Verse 1]

Good Shepherd of my soul
Come dwell within me
Take all I am and mold
Your likeness in me
Before the cross of Christ
This is my sacrifice:
A life laid down
And ready to follow

[Verse 2]

The troubled find their peace
In true surrender
The prisoners their release
From chains of anger
In springs of living grace
I find a resting place
To rise refreshed
Determined to follow

[Verse 3]

I'll walk this narrow road
With Christ before me
Where thorns and thistles grow
And cords ensnare me
Though doubted and denied
He never leaves my side
But lifts my head
And calls me to follow

[Verse 4]

And when my days are gone
My strength is failing
He'll carry me along
Through death's unveiling
Earth's struggles overcome
Heav'n's journey just begun
To search Christ's depths
And ever to follow



THURSDAY

Clarity

Read: Ps 119:130; Deut 6:6-7

The Bible is not meant to be a book of secrets. God reveals Himself to us in His Word. It is a spiritual book for spiritual people, so the Holy Spirit shines light on the Word so we can understand it in our hearts (1 Cor 2:14). A non-Christian does not have the Spirit to guide them in the truth of the Word, but the Bible is clear in what it teaches. Not every passage will be easy to understand, but God does make His gospel message clear so that even hard passages point to God redeeming us in Christ out of love.

Because the Bible is clear, we can learn it and teach it. Children do not have to fear that the Bible will always be too hard to read. They can understand its message now, and the hard to understand passages will become even more clear with more study. When we share the gospel with others, the non-Christian does not need to fear that the gospel is a riddle. When the Holy Spirit makes the truths of the Bible clear to their hearts, then they can see the goodness of God.

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” -2 Timothy 3:14-15

If we could not know the Word, then none of us could believe God or know Him. Whenever Scripture feels difficult to read, it is not God trying to be unknown. It is an invitation for us to dig deeper in the Bible to see His Son.

Discussion Questions:

When you feel like the Bible is unclear, what are some steps to seeking what it says?

Pray

Lord, reveal yourself to me more in your Word, and help me when I do not understand it.

Sing

Christ, Our Wisdom

CHRIST, OUR WISDOM

Christ our wisdom, we are humbled
When You hide Your ways from us
You have purposes unnumbered
Each one good and glorious
Help us trust when we grow weary
Free us from our anxious thoughts
Give us grace to see more clearly
You are God and we are not

Christ our wisdom, be our gladness
When we fail to understand
You ordain all joy and sadness
To fulfill Your perfect plan
Help us know You rule with power
Over every raging flood
In our most uncertain hour
You are God and we are loved

Christ our wisdom, we will follow
Though the way ahead is veiled
As we journey through the shadows
Grant us faith where sight has failed
Help us cling to Your commandments
Strengthened by Your faithful word
We will never be abandoned
You are God and we are Yours

Christ our wisdom, we adore You
For the beauty of the cross
Once in foolishness we scorned You
But Your blood has ransomed us
Help us sing the endless mercies
Of Your humble heart to save
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory
You are God forever praised



FRIDAY

Sufficiency

Read: 2 Tim 3:16-17; Deut 8:3

The Word of God is sufficient for us. Imagine if God left His church for thousands of years without a way to overcome despair, temptation, and any other trouble for the soul. His Word alone gives us true living hope. When Jesus faced the Devil in His temptations, Jesus did not turn to the world or Satan to soothe His weary soul. Because the Word is inspired, without error, authoritative, and clear, every Christian can have the same hope through the Word in every trial and tribulation.

Nothing in the world satisfies us like our God. The world is full of false teachers and messages which try to pull us from Christ to live for ourselves or remain hopeless as if God cannot help us. However, God is faithful in every trial to remind us of who He is through His Word so that we can remember His goodness. We may not have every problem solved as quickly as we would like, but the Good Shepherd walks us through the valley of the shadow of death (Ps 23) and focuses our eyes on the fact that He is faithful through all things.

“If the Bible is sufficient for life, then our posture and inclination should be first toward knowing the revelation given by God and trusting Him as the one who “delivers us out of all our troubles” (Ps 34:17).” - T. Dale Johnson

Read Psalm 119:25-32. David asks God to preserve his life with the Word, to teach Him the Word, to understand the Word, to have his weary soul strengthened by the Word, kept from temptations by the Word, and to not have shame in living by His Word. Every area of the Christian’s life depends on the Word.

Discussion Questions:

What should we do to remember God is strong enough to help us?

Pray

Lord help me not to lean on my own understanding but your Word alone.

Sing

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

CHRIST, THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

Verse 1

Christ the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow
through me and my sails have all
been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor, it
shall never be removed

Verse 2

Christ the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on
when temptation claims the battle
and it seems the night has won
deeper still then goes the anchor
though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor, it
shall never be removed

Verse 3

Christ the sure and steady anchor
through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless, somehow, o my soul now
lift your eyes to calvary
This my ballast of assurance see His
love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall
never be removed

Verse 4

Christ the sure and steady anchor as
we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
and we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better, for
the storms that we endured
Christ the shore of our salvation, ever
faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor, it
shall never be removed



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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10:00am

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

