

THE LAW OF GOD

HOLY. JUST. GOOD.



GOD'S STANDARD
REVEALS HIS HOLINESS



GOD'S JUSTICE
DEFINES RIGHT AND WRONG



GOD'S GOODNESS
LEADS US TO LIFE



THE LAW IS NOT GIVEN TO SAVE US,
BUT TO SHOW US OUR NEED FOR A **SAVIOR**.



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Since no one can keep
the law, what is its
purpose?

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

“You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.”

Read: Leviticus 19:1-8

The most important purpose of the law is to show us who God is. God is holy. Holiness means two things. First, that God is the best of the best. That there is no one and nothing that is like God. God Himself is the standard by which everything is measured. God is not as beautiful as anything else, He has far more beautiful than anything. Second, holiness means that God is morally perfect. He cannot do anything wrong. He alone determines right and wrong. In the law, God reveals what that standard of holiness looks like. Man was made to bear the image of God to all of creation. That image was broken. Through the law, God man sees the standard of holiness that is required to be an image bearer. In Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” The law showed us what a perfect life looks like. A life that could only be lived by God Himself in the person of Jesus Christ

How would you explain the law as showing us who God is?

How does this help us to think about God?

How do we live differently knowing that God is holy?

Pray

Thank God for showing us who He is so that we can worship Him.

Sing

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



TUESDAY

Right and Wrong

Read: 1 John 2:3-6

You can't break a law that isn't there. When there is no law, there is nothing to break. If there is no speed limit, then you can go however fast you want (although for safety you probably shouldn't). But in our lives, there is always the law. The law of God. His law has told us right and wrong. As we learn and understand His law and standards more, we also see how often we break them. Scripture gives two main ideas for sin. The first is "chataah" meaning to slip or miss the mark. This type of sin is when we unknowingly sin. When we are not meaning or trying to sin, but still fail to act righteously. The other type of sin is "'avon." This is a turning aside. Imagine tryin to walk across a balancing beam. You can either slip off of it, or jump off. In both cases you fail to reach the end, but in one case you tried to reach the end and in the other you purposely turned away from it. Sin is like that. When we see the law, sin builds up in our hearts so that we all at times choose to sin. Often we know what is the right thing to do, and simply choose not to do it, or worse, choose to sin instead. We see the speed limit and hit the gas. The law, just by being there, shows us how disobedient we are. Just as Eve reached out and ate

How does knowledge of the law show disobedience in your life?

In what ways have you "slipped" in keeping God's commands?

What about "turning aside"? What should we do when we sin?

Pray

Confess your sins to God and thank Him for His Son.

Sing

He Will Hold Me Fast

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

[Chorus]
He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last



WEDNESDAY

Sinful Nature

Read: Romans 7

Man is not only disobedient to God. Yes, we choose to sin every single day and willfully disobey the law. But the problem is deeper than our actions. Each person is sinful to our very core. Theologians call this our sin nature. The law shows us that we desire to sin more than we desire God. The law doesn't make us sin. And we don't sin because of the law. We sin because, well, because we are sinful. Without God, no one can choose to live a truly righteous life. Each person will choose to sin because each person is pervasively sinful. Psalm 14:3, "They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one." What the law reveals is that we are sinners by choice and sinners by nature. We are guilty because we choose to sin, and at the same time we know that unless God frees us from the power of sin, we will always choose to sin. The law shows us that on our own, we are stuck. We need help.

Have you thought of yourself as a sinner by nature before?

If we are so sinful, could we ever choose to become not sinful?

How can a sinful nature be made not sinful?

Pray

Thank God for having mercy on sinners.

Sing

My Jesus, I Love Thee

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



THURSDAY

We Need Forgiveness

Read: Romans 5

An object in motion will stay in motion unless acted upon by another force. Man in sin will stay in sin and continue to sin unless that pattern of sin is broken by a Savior. When we look at the law of God, we see clearly how much we need someone to save us. Each of us chooses to break the law every day, and even if we weren't deliberately choosing to break the law, we would keep breaking it over and over and over. We need someone who can not only forgive our sins, but who can give us a new heart. We need someone who can make us be born again, from a sinful nature to a righteous one. That person is Jesus Christ. Without the law, we would never understand our need for a Savior. But through the law we see that we need Jesus. Jesus who is God and man. Who lived a fully human life. Who died in our place. And who fully paid the penalty of sin by rising again. Without the law we wouldn't even look at Christ. With the law Christ is more beautiful than anyone or anything.

How does the law show our need for a Savior?

In what way does Christ give us a new heart?

How does Christ save us?

Pray

Praise God for His mercy and grace shown on the cross.

Sing

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Saviour
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would've thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

CHORUS

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne



FRIDAY

Live Like Christ

Read: Titus 2:11-14

“Through the law, we become aware of our sin and our choices to disobey it. But through the law we also become aware of how we are supposed to live. Jesus lived a perfect holy life. He kept the whole law. He showed us what a pure life looks like. And we are called to live like He did. We all want to look more like Christ. We all want to be more holy and pure. We all want the world to look at us and think, “Wow! That person must be a Christian!” The way to live a life that looks like that is to keep the law. Not just the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law. To love the Lord with all of who we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves. To have everything we do be motivated by a love for God and that others would love Him too. A life that is so fueled by a love for God and others will look like Christ. That life will be a life that is aligned with the law of God and helps others live like that. We imitate those we love. If we love Christ, then we will begin to live like Him in accordance with the law.

How did Jesus fulfill the law?

How can we look more like Christ?

In what ways can you better keep God's commands?

Pray

Ask God to help you love others better to point them to Him.

Sing

Great is Thy Faithfulness

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:
Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

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

