

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

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- ☞ As you read this psalm—the gloomiest of all the psalms—keep the psalmists’ opening words in verses 1–2 in mind. A gloomy and difficult life is never a reason to abandon and not seek God.
- ☞ Is this psalm nothing but complaint and lament? What verses are not? What application can you make?
- ☞ How long has the psalmist experienced these hardships?

Items for Prayer

- Andy, Sharon, Jeff, Katie, and Trent Rupert- Calvary Baptist of Willard Pray that our core group will remain faithful
- Sunday Services- Sinners will be convicted and trust Christ
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- We would exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship, Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor 14:24-25; Col 3:1

***DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.
CHRIST IS COMING!***

Memory Verse for the week

Be holy

1 John 3:2-3

We know that when he is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (note vv. 1-3)

Learning Christian Truth

45. What is baptism?

By Christ’s command the church baptizes (immerses) a believer, by which he publicly declares his faith in and identification with Christ, and is then added to that body of believers. Matt 28:19; Acts 2:41; Rom 6:3–5

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Prayer Meeting Nov 8
- Ladies’ Fellowship Nov 11
- Thanksgiving Service and Fellowship Nov 19
- Young People’s Singspiration Nov 19
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Monday, Nov 6

Read—
Psalm 77

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–9 Doubts from current experience

10–20 Faith from God’s past works

- ☞ What is the psalmist currently experiencing (v. 2)?
- ☞ How does the psalmist respond? What does he do? Vv. 1, 11–12
- ☞ What controls the psalmist—genuine faith or present experience? What characteristics of genuine faith can you learn from this psalm?

Psalm 78

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–8 Hear instruction to be faithful to God

9–16 The Northern Kingdom’s rebellion against God

17–53 Israel’s rebelliousness in the wilderness

54–64 Israel’s rebelliousness in the Promised Land

65–72 God’s election of Judah, Jerusalem, and David

- ☞ “Ephraim” (v. 9) refers to the Northern Kingdom which rebelled against God.
- ☞ As you read this psalm, note the different ways and reasons given for God’s anger toward Israel
- ☞ Is there anything about Israel that caused God to reward them? What themes repeat throughout?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, and William Dion- Papua New Guinea--Pray for wisdom as we plan and prepare to move to PNG early next year
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth
- We would glorify God as Christ’s church, Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24-25; Rev 1:6

Saturday, Nov 11

Read—
Psalm 87

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–3 Jerusalem’s preeminent position among all Israel

4–7 Jerusalem’s preeminent position among all peoples

- ☞ What was so significant about Jerusalem?
- ☞ “Rahab” (v. 4) is a poetic way of referring to Egypt. This verse shows—as we will see in the prophets—that many Gentile nations will be saved and look to Jerusalem

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH Pray for faithfulness to keep exalting Christ by laying out God's Word in the strength of the Holy Spirit
- God would bless His Word, answer our prayers, and use our lives and public services for the salvation of souls and the increase and strengthening of His church
- OBC men and women would grow in grace, fulfill their roles and responsibilities in their homes, and minister to our church body by word and example
- We would earnestly contend for the faith which was once handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

Sunday, Nov 12

Read—
Psalm 88

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–2 Crying to God

3–5 Living on the edge of death

6–9a Feeling forsaken by God

9b–12 Calling to God for mercy

13–14 Crying to God for help

15–18 Existing in darkness

Friday, Nov 10

Read—
Psalm 85

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1–3 God’s past restoration of Israel
- 4–7 Prayer for God’s restoration now
- 8–13 The prerequisites and blessings of God’s salvation

- ☞ Why is God asked to graciously work in his people (v. 6)?
- ☞ What is the needed attitude to receive God’s salvation (vv. 8–9)?

Psalm 86

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1–4 Praying for God’s protection
- 5–7 Confidence that God hears
- 8–10 Praying to the only true God
- 11–13 Prayer of thanks and for godliness
- 14–17 Prayer for God’s protection

- ☞ This is a great psalm to read and meditate on in times of trouble and difficulty. OT passages can be heard in each verse—God’s Word should direct and color your prayers.
- ☞ Verses 8–10 are the center of the psalm—why does David pray to God?
- ☞ In verses 11–13 what specific things does David pray for? What is the reason/motivation for that? What has God done for you? How should that control you?

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Pray for grace as we sell our home and belongs and prepare to move
- Believers will grow more like Christ and less like the world through the Spirit’s help and personal discipline
- Wisdom and provision for a permanent meeting house
- We would establish churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad, Matt 28:19-20; Acts 14:21-23

Tuesday, Nov 7

Read—
Psalm 79

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1–4 Lament
- 5–8 Prayer for forgiveness
- 9–11 Prayer for help
- 12–13 Desire to praise

- ☞ The historical context vv. 1–3 refers to is Jerusalem’s destruction by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. (cf. 2 Kings 25).
- ☞ Note the reason the psalmist desired God’s forgiveness and help (v. 9). Is that your reason when you pray for such?

Psalm 80

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1–3 Cry for deliverance
- 4–7 Lament over God’s discipline
- 8–13 Remembering God’s blessing
- 14–19 Cry for restoration and renewal

- ☞ As you read this psalm compare it with Deuteronomy 30:1–10 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.
- ☞ What does “vine” refer to in this psalm? A *literal* vine? How do you know?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray for the Gassmans as they minister to the people here
- Peniel Bible Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witness and public preaching of the Gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 22-23

Wednesday, Nov 8

Read—
Psalm 81

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–5 Israel called to worship the Lord

6–10 Israel should only worship the Lord who delivered them from bondage

11–16 Israel called to obey the Lord so they would know His blessings

- ☞ This psalm would have been sung at one of the three annual feasts Israel was to observe (Passover, Feast of Weeks, or Tabernacles). Judging from the content of this psalm, what was an essential purpose of these feasts?
- ☞ Verse 7 refers to Exodus 17:1–6.
- ☞ How would this “history lesson” encourage Israel to serve God alone?

Psalm 82

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1 God judges all

2–4 Character of earthly judges

5–7 Assessment of earthly judges

8 Prayer for God’s justice

- ☞ Israel’s actions and attitudes in verses 3–4 toward one another were evidences of righteousness and saving faith.
- ☞ What did Solomon say was essential for wisdom (Prov 1:7)? From Psalm 82:5a, what is being said about these rulers?
- ☞ To whom are earthly rulers (“gods,” v. 6) responsible? What application can you draw from this?

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray that the Lord will supply Omar’s needs as he steps out in faith and takes a bigger role in helping to lead the church
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible, public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42-47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26

Thursday, Nov 9

Read—
Psalm 83

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–8 Calling on God to act

9–18 Calling on God to judge

- ☞ Who were these nations really fighting against? Do you see things from God’s perspective or this world’s?
- ☞ There were things Israel would need to do to fight battles, but their trust must always be in the Lord. What application should you make from this?
- ☞ What is the “ultimate goal” of all that God does? Is that seen in your life and your prayers?

Psalm 84

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–4 Longing for God’s house

5–7 The blessing of those who worship at Jerusalem

8–12 Prayer for Israel’s king

- ☞ What is meant by “whose strength is in You” (v. 5)?
- ☞ In this psalm the “heart” is demonstrated by what it longs for and is given to, namely, Bible-driven worship. In our day and age, what characterizes the righteous heart of a believer?
- ☞ In OT Israel, who was “anointed” (v. 9)?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray for the Pastors we have trained as they go out, make disciples, and start churches
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries
- We would equip believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body, Eph 4:11-16; Heb 5:12-14