

# Orwell Bible Church

## Daily Devotional

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*“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil,” Eph 5 :16*

**Monday, Mar 23**

**Exodus 32**—*Israel makes and worships an idol, the golden calf, and God judges them.*

- ☞ What are some characteristics of idol worship that you can see from this passage?
- ☞ The meaning in v. 14 is best translated “relented.” God does not change; here the point is that God graciously responded to the situation. God will judge sin, but he invites and urges repentance (cp. Jer 15:6; 18:8–10; 26:3, 13, 19; Joel 2:13; Jon 3:9–10; 4:2).
- ☞ Note v. 25—who was responsible for the people? What should he have done, even though in the minority? Application?

**John 15**—*Jesus continues teaching his disciples in the upper room.*

- ☞ What are Christ’s disciples characterized by in verses 1-11?
- ☞ What are Christ’s disciples characterized by in verses 12-17?
- ☞ What are Christ’s disciples characterized by in verses 18-23?

### Items for Prayer

- Andy, Sharon, Jeff, Katie, and Trent Rupert- Calvary Baptist of Willard—Pray for wisdom and strength for Andy as he balances family, ministry, and work & for Sharon as she takes care of the home and teaches piano.
- 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

**Tuesday, Mar 24**

**Exodus 33**—*Moses talks with the Lord at the tent of meeting; God prepares Moses to see His glory.*

- ☞ What would the effect of the various things in vv. 7–11 have on the people’s opinion of Moses?
- ☞ Did Moses see a difference between Israel and other nations (v. 16)?
- ☞ Did Moses see *some* of God’s glory and greatness or *all* of it? Let’s make some application: you *can* know God but not *exhaustively*. Are you satisfied with *your* knowledge of the Lord?

**John 16**— *Jesus continues teaching his disciples in the upper room.*

- ☞ Using a dictionary, what does “convict” mean? Why is the Holy Spirit the only one who can convict unbelievers of the things mentioned in verses 8-11?
- ☞ What can you learn—and apply—about prayer from this chapter?

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH—Pray for opportunities to minister to those around us during this time.
- 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

**Sunday, Mar 29**

**Exodus 38**—*Tabernacle construction continues: altar of burnt offering, laver, and court; summary of construction.*

- ☞ In contrast to the things that were made in the last chapter, what was the altar of burnt offering made of? Why do you think it was made of a different material?

**John 21**—*Jesus appears to the disciples and speaks to them.*

- ☞ How do the events of verses 4–14 prove Jesus rose from the dead? How does that help accomplish the book’s purpose (20:31)?
- ☞ What should motivate and control you (vv. 15–17)? If you love the Lord, what should you do?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, William, and Priscilla Dion- Papua New Guinea—Pray for Jeremy’s mother, Melody, as she struggles with cancer.
- Sunday Services- Believers will hear and act on God’s Word
- 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

Saturday, Mar 28

**Exodus 37**—*Tabernacle construction continues: the ark, table, lampstand, and altar of incense.*

- ☞ What characterized all the things Bezalel made that were described in this chapter? Do you remember what instructions he was following (Exod 25:9, 40; 26:30)?
- ☞ Try to draw a picture of what the ark looked like.

**John 20**—*Jesus rises from the dead and appears to the disciples.*

- ☞ Why did the disciples have such difficult grasping what Scripture said about Christ (v. 9)? See 14:16–17, 26; 15:26–27; 16:12–15.
- ☞ What is necessary for having eternal life (v. 31)?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray that God will work in Terry and Janet’s hearts. They are resistant to the Gospel.
- Carolyn Moyer
- 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 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

**Exodus 34**—*The Lord replaces the two tablets Moses broke; He renews the covenant with Israel; Moses’ face shines.*

- ☞ Note vv. 12-17—why should they be separate? Note how disobedience to be separate in religious and personal areas go hand in hand. What application can you make from this?
- ☞ The “wooden images,” “pillars,” “Asherim,” or “Asherah” (v. 13) were poles put up to honor the goddess Asherah. Why couldn’t Israel leave those things up if they didn’t worship them? What application can you make from this for our worship today?
- ☞ How is vv. 29–35 referenced in 2 Corinthians 3:12–18?

**John 17**—*Jesus prays for himself, his disciples, and future disciples.*

- ☞ What can you learn from Jesus’ prayer in verses 13–19 about believers’ relationship to the world?
- ☞ What kind of unity does Jesus pray future believers will enjoy (v. 21)? What standard and goal does Jesus point to?

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Praise the Lord that our church was able to purchase a building and pray for us as we prepare it for use.
- 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 administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42- 47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26

**Thursday, Mar 26**

**Exodus 35**—*Moses exhorts Israel concerning the Sabbath. Moses calls Israel to give and work for the construction of the tabernacle.*

- ☞ Note vv. 2–3; Sabbath observance in Israel involved the spiritual, religious, and civil aspects of the Mosaic Law.
- ☞ Note how and why people gave in this chapter. Read verse 21—how could you pray that for the hearts of the people of our church?

**John 18**—*Jesus is betrayed, tried, and condemned.*

- ☞ The unnamed disciple in verses 15–16 is the writer of this gospel, the apostle John.
- ☞ In verses 33–38, Pilate was completely unable to understand Jesus because he interpreted Jesus' testimony from a worldly point of view. See John 14:17; Rom 8:6–8; 1 Cor 1:18; 2:14.

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina-- Pray for María del Carmen's growth. She was recently saved.
- 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

**Friday, Mar 27**

**Exodus 36**—*God's people provide for the tabernacle in abundance. Tabernacle construction: curtains, boards, bars, and veil.*

- ☞ Note verse 2—how did God equip them to do this? What did they do? How has God equipped you to serve him? Are you?
- ☞ Imagine an appeal is made for God's people to give to meet a need, and so much is given they're told to stop giving!!! How can this encourage you to pray?

**John 19**—*Jesus is crucified, dies, and is buried.*

- ☞ Remember what is meant in verse 7 by the phrase "Son of God" (cf. 5:17–18; 10:29–33; 20:31).
- ☞ John's gospel (as well as Matthew, Mark, and Luke) tell that Jesus, the King of the Jews, was crucified, died, and was buried. Why is this important (1 Cor 15:3–4; cf. John 20:31)?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray for Grace Baptist Church at Vellore. Praise the Lord for their growth and pray for provision of a building.
- 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