

Sunday, July 4

# Orwell Bible Church – Daily Devotional

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**Psalm 94**—*Crying to God the righteous judge to deal with the wicked.*

1–3 A plea to God the judge  
4–7 The deeds of the wicked  
8–11 A rebuke of the wicked  
12–15 The blessing of the righteous  
16–19 The security of the righteous  
20–23 The trust of the righteous

- ☞ Meditate on verse 14.
- ☞ What is verse 20 saying? Why is this so?

## Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile: Pray for growth in the lives of the couples we are having Bible studies with, as well as in our lives.
- Christ-likeness at home and “work,” Col 3:18–4:1
- Not judge by externals, Jas 2:1; 2 Cor 5:16
- Persevering faithfulness in perilous times, Revelation 2–3; 21:7

“For all things are for your sakes,  
that grace, having spread through the  
many, may cause thanksgiving to  
abound to the glory of God.”

*2 Corinthians 4:15*

**Equipping** the church,  
**Evangelizing** the lost,  
and **Entering** our building,  
Acts 19:10

## Hymn of the Week: “The Living Stone”

On Christ, salvation rests secure;  
The Rock of Ages must endure;  
Nor can that faith be overthrown  
Which rests upon the “Living Stone.”

No other hope shall intervene;  
To Him we look, on Him we lean;  
Other foundations we disown,  
And build on Christ, the “Living Stone.”

In Him it is ordained to raise  
A temple to Jehovah’s praise,  
Composed of all His saints,  
who own No Savior but the “Living Stone.”

View the vast building, see it rise:  
The work how great! the plan how wise!  
O wondrous fabric! pow’r unknown:  
That rests it on the “Living Stone.”

But most adore His precious name:  
His glory and His grace proclaim!  
For us, the lost, condemned, undone,  
He gave Himself, the “Living Stone.”

*Use your smartphone  
to hear the tune of this hymn:*



We have worked our way completely through our church covenant! Now, for the next six weeks, we’ll do the same with the purposes Christ gave to churches—what they must do, how they will glorify Him. I’d encourage you—if you haven’t already!—to memorize these, praying that you will make these your “purpose” as a member of Christ’s church here!

1. **Evangelizing** the lost through personal witnessing and public preaching of the gospel;
2. **Edifying** believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible, public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline;
3. **Equipping** believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body;
4. **Exalting** the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship;
5. **Establishing** churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad; and
6. **Earnestly contending** for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

***Fundamental Christian Truth for Monday-Wednesday:***

**48) What is repentance that leads to life?**

Repentance is turning from sin with sorrow and hatred of it, and turning to God with humble love and obedience. Acts 11:18; 1 Thess 1:9; 2 Cor 7:9-10; Heb 6:1

- ➔ Repentance is the necessary response of a sinner toward God, his sin, and Jesus Christ in order for him to receive eternal life (Heb 6:1). To repent is to *turn away* from sin and false religion and *turn to* God and Jesus Christ.
- ➔ Repentance expresses the sinner's mind, heart, and will toward God, sin, and Jesus Christ. It involves sorrow for sin, but is not just sorrow; there is also a true and right knowledge of sin and real change of action and direction (2 Cor 7:9-10).
- ➔ Repentance leads to eternal life (Acts 11:18) and without it there is only eternal death (Luke 13:3).
- ➔ One who truly repents does so because he loves the Lord, rightly seeing him as the true God and everything contrary to him as idolatry (1 Thess 1:9).

**Monday, June 28**

**Psalm 88—*Crying to God while in dark despondency***

1–9a Crying to God from the edge of death  
 9b–12 Calling upon God for mercy  
 13–18 Crying to God when distraught and alone

- ☞ 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

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, Owen, and Walter Bollon- Taiwan. Praise the Lord for the growth of believers and pray for further growth.
- Satan and wicked spiritual forces, Mark 4:15; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 6:12, 18
- Sinful hearts of the lost, Rom 3:10–18; 2 Cor 4:3–4; Eph 4:18–19
- Our own struggles with sin, Matt 26:41; Rom 7:13–25

**Psalm 93—*A hymn of God's unending reign.***

1–2 God rules the world  
 3–4 God rules creation  
 5 God rules his people

- ☞ Think about the power and sound of crashing sea waves—can any human stop them? As God can, what does that say about his rule?
- ☞ Why did God give laws to his people (v. 5)?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India: Pray for growth of the church at Vellore.
- False teachers spreading error in the name of Christ, 1 Tim 4:1–3; 2 John 7
- Selfless, sacrificial love for all Christians, Acts 6:1
- Tendency to be “now” oriented rather than Christ and eternity, Matt 6:33; 2 Tim 4:1

Friday, July 2

**Psalm 92**—*Praising God for his righteous rule.*

1–5 Praising God for his love and deeds  
6–9 God’s judgment of the wicked  
10–15 God’s blessing of the righteous

- ☞ Compare verse 5 with Isaiah 40:13, 28; 55:9; Romans 11:33
- ☞ Note how the righteous (vv. 10–15) compare with the wicked (vv. 6–9). What is the difference? Is that difference seen in your life?

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina: Pray for the completion of the parsonage, as well as any finishing touches on the meeting house.
- Always increasing Christ-likeness of Christians, Col 1:9–11; Heb 5:12–14; 2 Pet 1:5–11
- Governing authorities, Acts 5:29; 1 Tim 2:1–6
- Christians’ worship, 1 Cor 14:24–25

Tuesday, June 29

**Psalm 89**—*Mourning the demise and praying for the restoration of the house of David.*

1–4 God’s grace toward and covenant with David  
5–18 God’s grace toward David  
19–37 God’s covenant with David  
38–45 God’s rejection of David’s house  
46—Prayer for God to renew his grace and remember his covenant

- ☞ Verses 5–18 show God’s glorious greatness that he will uphold his covenant with David
- ☞ Verses 19–37 is an elaboration of the covenant God made with David in 2 Samuel 7:8–16
- ☞ Compare the end of this psalm with its beginning; what does the psalmist always rely on? What application can you make?

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa: Pray that the virus will diminish here and for the protection of our church body.
- Boldness in the face of opposition and resistance, Acts 4:29; Eph 6:19
- Fear of and love for Christ, 2 Cor 5:11, 14
- Selflessness, Luke 9:23–26

## Wednesday, June 30

**Psalm 90**—*A prayer for God's wisdom and grace due to life's shortness.*

- 1–2 Safety in an eternal God
- 3–6 Man's short life
- 7–12 The need for God's wisdom
- 13–17 Prayer for God's grace

- ☞ Read and sing Isaac Watt's hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" with this psalm.
- ☞ We tend to think—and live—like we will live forever. Meditate on verses 3–6, and pray verse 12.
- ☞ Moses wrote this psalm—can you see how 40 years of wondering in the wilderness would evoke the feelings in verses 7–11?
- ☞ Verse 12 is this psalm's main point—wisdom is skillfully and accurately applying God's Word to everyday life. Why is wisdom so important given how short life is?

### Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, William, Priscilla, and Hudson Dion- Papua New Guinea: Pray for our Bible study with Michael.
- We will always be "going," Matt 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47–49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8
- Salvation of souls, 2 Thess 3:1
- Faithfulness, 1 Cor 1:18

## Fundamental Christian Truth for Thursday-Friday:

### 49) What is saving faith?

Faith is receiving and resting on Christ alone for salvation. John 1:12; 3:16; Phil 3:9

- ➔ Like repentance faith is not just "believing." It involves the knowledge of, assent to, and unreserved trust in Jesus Christ for salvation (John 3:16).
- ➔ Faith involves knowledge: there is content—truth—that is *known* and *believed* (John 1:12).
- ➔ Faith involves assent: the real, genuinely accepting and receiving such truth (John 1:12).
- ➔ Faith involves unreserved trust: relying and resting on Jesus and no one else or nothing else (Phil 3:9).

## Thursday, July 1

**Psalm 91**—*Trusting in God for protection.*

- 1–2 Trust in God
- 3–13 God's protection
- 14–16 God's promises

- ☞ What are the different ways "trust" or "faith" are expressed in this psalm?
- ☞ "Knowing God's name" (v. 14) is far more than mental knowledge of what God is called—it is personal, dependent, and submissive. "Name" refers to all that God is characterized by. Do you "know the Lord's name"?

### Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand: Pray for our spiritual growth and strength.
- Open doors, Col 4:3
- Spirit-led, dependent, and empowered (tendency to follow our sin nature), Gal 5:16
- Always content in Christ, Phil 4:11-13