

March 30th- April 4th

Family Worship Guide
Week Two

Dear CPC Parents,

As our church will be streaming rather than congregating over the next few weeks because of the COVID- 19 virus, this would be a good opportunity to take advantage of our resources for daily family worship. In the coming days, attached to our website at Christpresnb.org, you will find two documents labeled “Revised Family Worship,” and “Prayers and Personal Devotional.” In addition, I will provide daily readings to fill in the *Bible Reading* section of the documents. These liturgies and devotionals allow you to conduct a short family worship time without having to prepare. If you find these resources helpful, I would suggest the book *Family Worship Bible Guide* by Reformation Heritage Books. This guide provides a reading plan for family worship along with a short Christ- centered devotion and questions for reflection. It can be ordered at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/family-worship-bible-guide-bonded-leather-gift-edition.html>

The following are portions taken from the Family Worship Bible Guide and will be listed temporarily online for your viewing. Please consider purchasing this guide.

Monday

Read Psalm Chapter 7

1. God will not allow sin in His children to go unchecked. When troubles come our way, we do well to examine ourselves to find out if God is correcting us for some sin in conduct or heart. Whatever the case, we must take it to God in prayer and not give up. If we are truly His by faith in the covenant, God has graciously bound Himself to hear when we call on Him. Though the trial drags on and you feel exhausted, cling by faith in Jesus Christ to God’s faithful love. How can this psalm help depressed Christians?

Tuesday

Read Psalm Chapter 8

1. Believers can be misrepresented and even slandered in this world. Thankfully, we can always turn to God, who knows everything and never does anyone wrong. In times of trouble, our prayers need to be, as here, not formal heartless, but serious, fervent, and insistent. This should be followed through with pervasive arguments and earnest appeals, as Abraham, Jacob, Moses,

and others did in former times, striving with God and ultimately prevailing. What relief might we experience as we pour out our hearts to Him, telling Him all that has been said and just how we presently feel?

Wednesday

Read Psalm Chapter 9

1. Human theories about the origins of the world and mankind lead to depravity, degradation, and despair. However, the truth is that God gave man high privileges and dignity in His creation. It glorifies the Lord for man to rule the world. Honoring God does not drag men and women down, except from their self-made thrones of arrogance. Though God's people are weak and lowly like children, they have a nobility about them, for they are children of the King, destined to reign with Him. What is one way that you could be mindful to treat every man, woman, and child as a person of dignity?

Thursday

Read Psalm Chapter 10

1. It is important to remember that God holds our eternal destiny in His hands. He will judge all mankind in righteousness. Even before judgment day, death snatches people away from this world. If we know the Lord and seek Him, He will never forsake us. However, if we put God behind our backs and forget Him, then He will cast us into hell. Thomas Manton said, "As they cast God out of their mind and affections, so God will cast them out of his presence." Are you prepared for death? Why or why not?

Friday

Read Psalm Chapter 11

1. In a time of trouble we sometimes feel God is standing at a distance from us, so that we no longer have the comfortable sense of His presence. It is then that we must concentrate on prayer. With a holy boldness, we need to lay hold of Him although we should never complain of Him, we are permitted to complain to Him. One of the chief complaints of the godly is the success of the wicked. Sadly, the world in which we live is one where the fear of God is often conspicuous by its absence. Atheism, humanism, and secularism have usurped the place of true religion, producing bitter fruits in society. The church's prayer and hope is that God will arise on behalf of His people. He will bring His kingdom by his Word and Spirit, by His providence, and ultimately by the second coming of His Son. How does this psalm teach us to pray for persecuted believers as we wait for His coming?

Saturday

Read Psalm Chapter 12

1. Even in times when the church seems to disappear and the lies of the wicked threatens to drown us, believers can cling to the perfect trustworthiness of the Bible. God's Word is as precious as pure silver. It contains no error in anything it teaches. If we have a right estimate of its worth, we shall surely treasure it in our hearts, follow its pure precepts and trust its pure promises. Thank God for His infallible truth, especially in this time of mass falling away and confusion. It is confidence in Holy Scriptures that will enable you to pray with hope, "Help, Lord!" How can the trustworthiness of God's Word strengthen you in times of spiritual darkness?