

might in Portland, New England, and the world.

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Friday, 9/22

**Read Deuteronomy 5:22-33.** What does it mean to walk according to the law of the Lord? How can you today obey what He has revealed to you even now?

**Meditate** upon God's goodness to us in redemption.

**Sing** Psalm 98 in the arrangement "Sing a New Song to the Lord."

**Pray** for God to continue to work in this community of faith and in His Church throughout this region that in all things His supremacy would be shown. Ask the Father to glorify His Son through us and reconcile to Himself our neighbors, coworkers, family, and friends. Cry out to Him for this city and region to be a place where His name is honored above all else.

Saturday, 9/23

**Read** tomorrow's sermon passage **Deuteronomy 6:1-25** and discuss what it means to love the Lord.

**Meditate** on God's desire for us. Rejoice that in Christ we are being made to be the very desire of His heart.

"The LORD heard you when you spoke to me and the LORD said to me, 'I have heard what this people said to you. Everything they said was good. Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!'" 5:28-29

**Prepare** today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

**Sing** "Before the Throne of God Above."

**Pray** for your neighbors, co-workers, and family members who are still strangers to Christ that they will be overcome by His grace.

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God spoke these words, and said, "I am the Lord thy God: You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . . you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

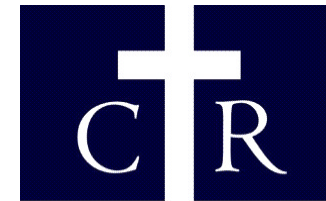
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# Taking Gathered Worship

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## Family and Individual Devotions

### Meditations in Deuteronomy

Week of September 17, 2006

## Obeying the King of the Covenant

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## Daily Devotionals

**H**ow are we to use God's law? If we have received Christ's righteousness why do we need to keep His commandments? Deuteronomy helps us to see that obeying God is both for our good and reflective of hearts in love with God. We don't keep the law to gain God's acceptance—that's impossible. We keep the law because we have been accepted in Christ and we want to be like Him as much as we can. Rightly understood and applied this will always drive us back to the cross in faith and repentance, because He alone is able to incline our hearts to keep His law.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

Sunday, 9/17

Read today's passage: **Deuteronomy 5:1-33** and consider what it means to obey God and your motivations.

**Sing** praise to our King with "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath." *Watts'*

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
While life and thought and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
The Lord supports the fainting mind and  
Sends the laboring conscience peace.  
He helps the stranger in distress,  
The widowed and the fatherless,  
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

How happy they whose hopes rely  
on Israel's god, who made the sky and  
Earth and seas with all their train;  
whose truth forever stands secure,  
who saves the oppressed, and feeds the poor.  
And none shall find his promise vain.

I'll praise him while he lends me breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

**Recite** the Ten Commandments (on back). What do they reveal about God.?

**Pray**, "We love Your law, O Lord, because we love You. Teach us to obey Your commands. Change our hearts to desire Your righteousness in our lives. Give us understanding as a congregation to know Your Word and live it out day to day so that Your name might be more and more hallowed here in Portland. Lead us we pray. Amen."

Monday, 9/18

Read **Psalm 119:33-40**. How is God's promise connected to His law? What is your hope for improving your life?

**Sing** praise to our King with "He is Exalted." *Paris'*

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high;  
I will praise Him. He is exalted,  
Forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord; Forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

**Recite** the Shema (Deut. 6:4-9) and listen intently to the Lord who is one.

**Pray**, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! Amen."

**Meditate** on God's loving care for us.

**Sing** *He Is Exalted*.

Tuesday, 9/19

Read **Exodus 20:1-21**. What are the differences between these and those in Deuteronomy? How are you applying them in your own life?

**Recite** the Ten Commandments (on back). Why do you want to obey them?

**Sing** Psalm 98 in the arrangement "Sing a New Song to the Lord." <sup>3</sup>

**1.** Sing a new song to the Lord,  
He to whom wonders belong!  
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power  
O sing to the Lord a new song!

**2.** Now to the ends of the earth  
See his salvation is shown!  
And still he remembers his mercy and truth  
Unchanging in love to his own.

**3.** Sing a new song and rejoice,  
Publish his praises abroad!  
Let voices in chorus with trumpet and horn,  
Resound for the joy of the Lord!

**4.** Join with the hills and the sea,  
Thunders of praise to prolong!  
In judgment and justice he comes to the earth  
O sing to the Lord a new song!

**Pray** for CTR to be a blessing to the city of Portland.

Wednesday, 9/20

Read **Romans 7:1-25**. Do you recognize this same struggle in your own life?

**Recite** the Shema (Deut. 6:4-9) and listen intently to the Lord who is one.

**Pray**, "Teach us to obey You out of love instead of self-preservation. Teach us to love You with all our being. Capture our hearts and never let them wander from You Lord, we beg of You, to enflame our hearts with love for You."

**Sing** Psalm 98 in the arrangement "Sing a New Song to the Lord."

Thursday, 9/21

Read **Romans 8:1-17**. How can we know no condemnation? What does it mean to be an heir?

**Recite** the Ten Commandments (on back). Rejoice in God's good law.

**Sing** "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"

**Pray** for CTR to be a community of faith that loves God and keeps His law. Ask the Lord to incline our hearts to love righteousness and our feet to walk in His paths. Ask Him to give us boldness in proclaiming His goodness and