

Saturday, 7/7

Read: Psalm 14 in preparation for tomorrow's worship service.

Devotional: Spend some time planning how you (and your family) will worship God tomorrow gathered with His people. Take effort in your preparations to avoid things that make worship more difficult. Consider who you can invite to join you and make the effort to extend that invitation graciously.

Pray That your worship would be pleasing in Christ who alone is our righteousness.

***Song of Renewal**

"Shout to the Lord" *Zschech*

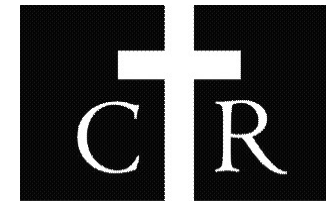
My Jesus, my Savior,	Shout to the Lord
Lord there is none like You,	All the earth let us sing,
All of my days, I want to praise,	Power and majesty praise to the King.
The wonders of Your mighty love.	Mountains bow down
My comfort, my shelter,	And the seas will roar,
Tower of refuge and strength.	At the sound of Your name.
Let every breath, all that I am,	I sing for joy at the work of Your
hands.	
Never cease to worship You.	Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
	Nothing compares to the promise
	I have in You.

(Repeat all)

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Family and Individual Devotions

Meditations in Psalm Nine

Week of July 1, 2007

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Daily Devotionals

Why do we sing praises to the Lord? It may seem like an odd question, but have you stopped to think about it? The Psalms with reasons to sing God's praises. They aren't just set down in a list, but are wonderfully woven into music and given to us to sing. They are not just individual praises [or reasons for the same] but community songs to be shared, sung in harmony, joined in on together as we sing of this God who is worthy of our praise because of His faithfulness. This week join in the song.

Please use the devotionals below each day to meet with God. Pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes. Throughout the week we encourage you to use "Shout to the Lord" found on the back page as your song, your prayer, and your reminder this week about God's promises and their fulfillment in Christ.

Sunday, 7/1

Read: Psalm 9. What makes you declare God's praises? What keeps you from telling of His marvelous grace?

Devotional: Spend some time discussing/reflecting upon what it means know His name (v. 10). What is the correlation between that and trusting in Him? How does that work in your experience?

Pray: "O Lord, our Lord, Your name is wonderful. You are holy and mighty, just and merciful, strong and true. Your name is being magnified, your glory abounding throughout all the earth as Your creation declares Your wonders and Your people proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations. O Lord, God over all, wonder of wonders, You are *our* Lord, we praise Your name only and because of the name of Christ who is our Lord."

Monday, 7/2

Read: Psalm 9 again. What does it mean to praise God with our whole heart? Read Psalm 86:11-13.

Devotional: The good news of the gospel has an expulsive power in our hearts. What that means is that as His praise more and more consumes us, it forces out our affections for lesser things—it expels them. The Psalmist here spends the first 12 verses praising the Lord before getting to his own grief and difficulty. In the midst of difficulty, let us praise God, for He is good.

Pray: "Help me to praise You, O Lord, with all my heart. Sometimes I do not even know what that means or if I truly want to do it, but I confess that You alone are God and regardless of all my doubts and trials, I know that no one but You deserves our praise. Help me to give it joyfully and for *Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church* to be a congregation that praises You."

Tuesday, 7/3

Read: First Peter 2:23-25. How does Jesus sing Psalm 9? What is the connection between Peter and 9:4?

Devotional: In all the ways we try to trust God in the midst of trials, Jesus succeeded. He "entrusted himself to him who judges justly." He not only died for our failure, but calls us now in newness of life to follow Him in trusting His good and just Father.

Pray: for God's power to trust Him. When you seem to be unjustly accused, attacked, or wronged, ask God to enable You to trust His justice.

Wednesday, 7/4

Read: Luke 23:44-49. Who was Jesus trusting as He died? What did it mean for Him to commit His spirit to His Father?

Devotional: Jesus knew perfectly that His Father was trustworthy. All throughout His coming to earth, living as a man, dying on the cross and being raised on the third day He demonstrated faith in His Father. He calls us to take up our cross and follow Him. He is trustworthy. Praise Him!

Pray: "You alone are faithful, Lord God, we will tell of Your wonders! Your faithfulness is the ground upon which we stand and so we sing of Your great name. You reign forever in justice and mercy, so we will praise you and so learn to trust You day by day."

Thursday, 7/5

Read: Psalm 9:7-10. Here the song sings specific praise about what God will in fact do in His righteousness. How can we be sure? What do we do with our doubts?

Devotional: There is nothing more fearful than the judgment of the Lord and at the same time there is nothing as comforting. Why? What makes the difference between the two?

Pray: That your life would reflect Christ's perfect rule in justice.

Friday, 7/6

Read: Psalm 9:11-16. How does the Psalmist bring His lament to the Lord? Read Mark 15:33-39.

Devotional: We feel forsaken by God many times. Jesus was forsaken by God the Father truly as He took on our sins. The Father ignored His cry so that He could hear ours. In His abandonment we received our adoption so that we would never be abandoned. His lament becomes our song of joy—praise be our God, forever and ever!

Pray That we would be more and more faithful God praisers.