

Thursday, 9/28

Read **Romans 10:1-21**. How is Christ our righteousness?

Meditate on “whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.”

Sing “Change My Heart, O God.”

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 might in Portland, New England, and the world.

Friday, 9/29

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

Read **Romans 11:1-24**. Consider the kindness and severity of God.

Meditate upon God’s goodness to us in redemption and fury in His wrath.

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, 9/30

Read tomorrow’s sermon passage **Deuteronomy 7:1-9:6** and discuss what it means for God to be a devouring fire.

Meditate on God’s holiness and prepare for gathered worship tomorrow.

“Hear, O Israel. You are now about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and stronger than you, with large cities that have walls up to the sky. The people are strong and tall—Anakites! You know about them and have heard it said: who can stand up against the Anakites?” But be assured today that the LORD your God is the one who goes across ahead of you like a devouring fire. He will destroy them; he will subdue them before you. And you will drive them out and annihilate them quickly, as the LORD has promised you.

After the LORD your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, “The LORD has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.” No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is going to drive them out before you. It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.” 9:1-6

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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# Taking Gathered Worship

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## Family and Individual Devotions

### Meditations in Deuteronomy

Week of September 24, 2006

## Loving the King of the Covenant

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

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## Daily Devotionals

**W**hat does it mean to love God? In one of the earliest creeds of God's people, the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) we find this love is to be exclusive and all inclusive. It is to be exclusive for God alone for He is the only God. It is to be all inclusive in that we are to love Him with all that we have—heart, mind, and strength. Let us explore the Scriptures together and learn more of this love for God.

*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, 9/24** Read today's passage: **Deuteronomy 6:1-25** and consider what it means to love God with all that we are.

**Sing** praise to our King with "Great Is the Lord" *Smith<sup>1</sup>*

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| <b>1, 3.</b> Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,<br>By His power we trust in His love.<br>Great is the Lord,<br>He is faithful and true.<br>By His mercy He proves He is love. | <b>2.</b> Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.<br>Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.<br>Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,<br>Now lift up your voice:<br>Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord. |
| <b>4.</b> Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory.<br>Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.<br>Great are You, Lord. Great are You, Lord. <i>(Repeat)</i>                     | Great are You, Lord,<br>I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:<br>Great are You, Lord. Great are You, Lord. <i>(Repeat)</i>                                                                                    |

**Recite** the Shema (see box). How will you serve God alone today?

**Pray**, "You alone are God. There is none like You in all the earth. Receive our prayers for Christ's sake, Heavenly Father, and work in us to bring glory to Your matchless name. Warm our hearts, that we might praise You with all that is within us. Give us boldness to proclaim Your name, that You might receive the glad praises of our family, city, and region and let Your glory be shown throughout all the earth. Amen."

**Monday, 9/25** Read **Mark 12:28-34**. How does Jesus use Deuteronomy in a positive way to show someone who understands?

**Sing** praise to our King with "Ancient Words." *Paris<sup>2</sup>*

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| (1) Holy words long preserved<br>For our walk in this world,<br>They resound with God's own heart.<br>O, let the ancient words impart.<br>Words of life, words of hope,<br>Give us strength, help us cope.<br>In this world where'er we roam,<br>Ancient words will guide us home. | (2) Holy words of our faith<br>Handed down to this age,<br>Came to us through sacrifice.<br>O, heed the faithful words of Christ.<br>Holy words long preserved<br>For our walk in this world,<br>They resound with God's own heart.<br>O, let the ancient words impart; |
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*Refrain:* Ancient words, ever true, We have come with open hearts,  
Changing me and changing you; O, let the ancient words impart.

**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."

**Sing** *Great Is the Lord.*

**Tuesday, 9/26**

Read **Luke 10:25-37**. How does God use the command in Deuteronomy negatively to show someone who does not understand?

**Meditate** on God's sacrificial love for us and His call for us to love others.

**Sing** a prayer to the Lord "Change My Heart, O God." <sup>3</sup>

Change my heart, Oh God, Make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God May I be like You.	You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
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*Repeat*

Change my heart, oh God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God,  
May I be like You.

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

**Wednesday, 9/27**

Read **Deuteronomy 6:1-25**. Find all the places where we are told to "keep, watch, or obey carefully." How?

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

**Pray**, "Teach us to obey You carefully. Help us to watch faithfully over our hearts, families, and neighborhoods to keep Your law. Show us how we are to serve You. Lead us in Your ways, we pray for Christ's glory."

**Sing** "Ancient Words."

## The Shema

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

**Leader:** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**Family:** Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

**Leader:** These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

**Family:** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.