

Friday, 10/6

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

Read Deuteronomy 9:1-10:11. Why did God not wipe out His rebellious people? Discuss the role of the covenant mediator. What did Moses do? Was it good enough or was another mediator needed?

Sing Isaiah 43.

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, 10/7 **Read** tomorrow's sermon passage **Deuteronomy 10:12-22** and discuss God's sovereignty over all the earth. What is God rightly entitled to? What does God ask of you?

Meditate on the power of God's character and acts of redemption for us.

"And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today.

Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.

Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. Your forefathers who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky." 10:12-22

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

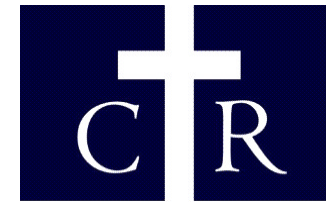
Sing *Rock of Ages*.

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

¹ *Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

² *Rock of Ages* James Ward, 1984

Taking Gathered Worship Home



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Family and Individual Devotions

Meditations in Deuteronomy

Week of October 1, 2006

A Devouring Fire

Daily Devotionals

Is God just? Can His judgment be trusted? What about Hell? Is it fair that God sentences people to eternal punishment? The text from Deuteronomy this week says that God is a “consuming fire” and that He is right not only in wiping out the inhabitants of Canaan, but that if the Israelites do not obey Him in the land, He would be justified in destroying them too. Who is this God? Let us look to Him in His Word.

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, 10/1 Read today's passage: **Deuteronomy 9:1-6** and consider what it means for God to be holy, just, and righteous.

Sing the song from Isaiah 43.

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name.
You are Mine.

2. When you pass through the fire,
You'll not be burned.
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name.
You are Mine.

Chorus Men:
For I am the Lord your God
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour.

Women:
I am the Lord your God.
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour

(repeat)

I am the Lord. (x4)

Do not fear. (x4)

I am the Lord.

Pray asking the God of justice to make His righteousness more and more evident here in Portland. Ask Him to work through His people in establishing justice and remembering mercy.

Monday, 10/2 Read **Deuteronomy 7:1-26** and reflect on what it means to be detestable to God.

Confess your own rebellion and ways in which you have been arrogant.

Sing the *Doxology*.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pray for God's glory to fill all the earth. Pray specifically for those you know.

Tuesday, 10/3 Read **Psalm 105:1-45**. Recount God's acts of redemption in your own life and in the community of CTR.

Sing the hymn *Rock of Ages*.²

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyelids close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Pray for CTR as a community of faith to celebrate God's mighty acts of redeeming His people.

Wednesday, 10/4 Read **Deuteronomy 8:1-20** and consider what it means to be careful in our obedience to God's law.

Meditate on God's goodness to you.

Sing the *Doxology*.

Pray, "Forgive us our sins of disunity, O Lord: pride and jealousy and narrow-mindedness. Forgive us our sins of false unity: cowardice, apathy, and indifference. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust. Make us many in gifts and talents and vision. Amen."

Sing Isaiah 43.

Thursday, 10/5 Read **Matthew 4:1-17**. How does Jesus fulfill the law of Deuteronomy 8? How do you rest in that?

Sing *Rock of Ages*.

Pray "Almighty God, You have given us all that we have. You have been faithful to all your promises to our fathers before us. We confess that we have not kept Your law. We have neglected Your ways and taken Your blessings for granted, even praising others for what we have received from Your hand. Forgive us and change us Lord we pray. Amen."