

Sunday, Oct 22

Read—

**Psalm 52**

➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–4 Condemnation of the wicked

5–7 Destruction of the wicked

8–9 Security of the godly

☞ The “green olive tree” (v. 8) would live and be prosperous for centuries. What is David’s point then?

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa: Pray that the young people will make Christianity their own
- Sunday Services- Sinners will be convicted and trust Christ
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)

# Orwell Bible Church

## Daily Devotional

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***DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.  
CHRIST IS COMING!***

***Memory Verse for the week***

**Bear persecution for Christ**

1 Peter 4:13

Rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.  
(note vv. 12-19)

***Learning Christian Truth***

**41. How should you pray?**

Prayer involves giving thanks and praise to God, confessing sin, and asking requests of God according to His will, all in the name of Christ.  
Matt 7:7–8; 1 John 5:14; John 16:23–24; 1 John 1:9; Phil 4:6

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Prayer Meeting Oct 18
- Young People’s Singspiration, Oct 22
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Monday, Oct 16

Read—

**Psalm 40**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
- 1–10 Testifying of God's abundant grace
- 11–17 Praying for God's gracious deliverance

- ☞ Why is verse 6 true?
- ☞ What did David praise God for in verses 1–10? How is that the basis for his request in verses 11–17?
- ☞ Note David's tone and response throughout this Psalm when going through great difficulty.

**Psalm 41**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
- 1–3 Trusting God for renewed health
- 4–9 Praying for deliverance
- 10–12 Defending God's honor
- 13 Doxology

- ☞ Have you noticed the theme in verses 5 and following repeated in the last several psalms? Have you also noticed how David *does* and *does not* respond? What application can you make from this?
- ☞ David's request in verses 10–12 is not from personal vindictiveness or revenge but zeal for God's honor (cf. vv. 2–3).

Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Thailand: Pray for Chris and Heidi studying the Thai language at the AUA language school.
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth

Read—

**Psalm 51**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
- 1–2 Cry for mercy
- 3–6 Confession of sin
- 7–12 Prayer for forgiveness
- 13–17 Praise and thanksgiving
- 18–19 Prayer for Israel

- ☞ Why is it fitting that this psalm follows Psalm 50?
- ☞ Verse 11 does not teach the loss of salvation; rather, this refers to God's withdrawing his special enablement from the King of Israel that enabled him to effectively rule. See also Judges 16:20; 1 Samuel 11:6; 16:13–14; 18:10, 12; 28:15.
- ☞ Why would David pray for Jerusalem (vv. 18–19)? Wasn't the whole psalm about *his* sin?

Items for Prayer

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, and Owen Bollon- Taiwan—Pray for the salvation of Morris and Celia and their girls
- God would bless His Word, answer our prayers, and use our lives and public services for the salvation of souls and the increase and strengthening of His church
- OBC men and women would grow in grace, fulfill their roles and responsibilities in their homes, and minister to our church body by word and example

Friday, Oct 20

Read—

**Psalm 49**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 1–4 Call for attention
  - 5–12 Believers should not be intimidated by wealthy, influential unbelievers
  - 13–15 Fools will perish but the righteous will live
  - 16–20 Don't be influenced by externals
- ☞ “Proverb” and “dark saying” or “riddle” (v. 4) refer to how wisdom is given.
- ☞ Not the character of the unrighteous (v. 18)—who does he praise? Who do the righteous praise?
- ☞ What eternal benefit is there to the adulation of unbelievers?

**Psalm 50**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 1–6 The Lord comes to judge
  - 7–15 True covenant sacrifice
  - 16–23 True covenant obedience
- ☞ We know verse 10 from old gospel hymns, but what is its point in the context?
- ☞ In verse 21, why did the people sin?
- ☞ How does verse 23 summarize the entire psalm?

Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo Boehm- Italy—Praise the Lord for the safety He gave while we travelled and that we are all safely together again
- Believers will grow more like Christ and less like the world through the Spirit's help and personal discipline
- Wisdom and provision for a permanent meeting house

Tuesday, Oct 17

Read—

**Psalms 42–43**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 42:1–5 Yearning to worship God
  - 42:6–11 A troubled heart cries to God
  - 43:1–5 Praying to God for deliverance and restoration
- ☞ Psalms 42–43 most likely were originally one psalm; Psalm 43 has no superscription whereas every psalm in this section does. Also, the refrain is repeated in 42:5, 11; 43:5.
- ☞ What did the psalmist do when he was in despair?
- ☞ How do you respond when in despair or disturbed? Who *should* you respond? Why?

**Psalm 44**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 1–8 Praising God for past victories
  - 9–16 Lament for present defeat
  - 17–22 Confession of confusion
  - 23–26 Prayer for deliverance
- ☞ As you read verses 20–26, how should Israel respond when things don't go as expected? What would be the wrong thing to do?

Items for Prayer

- Friends in CA—Pray for continued improvement in the knowledge and use of spiritual terminology in the language
- Peniel Bible Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church

Wednesday, Oct 18

Read—

**Psalm 45**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 1 Introduction
  - 2–9 Words to the king
  - 10–15 Words to the bride
  - 16–17 Conclusion

☞ As you read verse 6, recall from Psalm 2:7 how the king of Israel was viewed. See also 2 Samuel 7:14; 1 Chronicles 28:6; and Psalm 89:27.

☞ From verses 16–17, do you remember what God promised to David in 2 Samuel 7:16?

**Psalm 46**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 1–3 Confession of trust in God
  - 4–7 Description of God's city
  - 8–11 God's victories over pagan nations

☞ This psalm was the basis for Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

☞ Verses 1–3 are great truths to meditate on. As you do so, consider the situations in your life and make application.

☞ Verses 8–10 aren't talking about merely "peace on earth"—how did and will God make "wars to cease...?"

Items for Prayer

- Izaak, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp—Pray for opportunities to witness in the community
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership

Thursday, Oct 19

Read—

**Psalm 47**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 1–5 God's rule over Israel
  - 6–9 God's rule over the nations

☞ What word in verse 2 points to why God should be praised?

**Psalm 48**

- ➔ Briefly, what is this psalm about?
  - 1–3 God's glory in Jerusalem's strength
  - 4–7 Futile responses of pagan nations
  - 8 Central theme—God's eternal presence
  - 9–11 Joyful responses to God's acts
  - 12–14 Meditating on God's strength seen in Jerusalem

☞ Who ruled Israel from Jerusalem? Who was to be worshiped at the temple there? Does that help you see the central importance of Jerusalem?

☞ Note verses 2, 7, 10, 13—what directions in Jerusalem were protected and safe?

Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray for the salvation of G
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries