

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—Pray for God to instill change in His people—to Christlikeness
- Sunday Services- Heartfelt worship
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- We would exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship, Acts 2:42–47; 1 Cor 14:24–25; Col. 3:1

# Orwell Bible Church

## Daily Devotional

*Oct 2- Oct 8, 2017*

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

***Memory Verse for the week***

**Endure severe trials**

1 Peter 1:7

Greatly rejoice that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

(Note vv. 6-9)

***Learning Christian Truth***

**40. How can you profit from the Word of God?**

Devote yourself to the public ministry and private study of the Word, with submissiveness, careful habit, accurate interpretation, prayerful dependence, and eager anticipation. Jas 1:22–25; Acts 2:42; 2 Tim 2:15; Ps 119:18; 1 Pet 2:2

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Prayer Meeting Oct 4
- Couple's Retreat at Penile Bible Camp Oct 6-7
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

## Monday, Oct 2

### Read— Psalm 15

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1 Who will see the Lord
- 2 Godly character
- 3–5a Godly character lived out
- 5b God's promise

- ☞ What is emphasized in verses 2–5? Acts of religious worship and devotion?
- ☞ What is a “reprobate” (v. 4)? In the theocratic kingdom, why should he be “despised”?

### Psalm 16

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1–4 God's people trust Him and have no part in false worship
- 5–6 God's people praise Him for His provisions
- 7–11 God's people praise Him for His help and salvation

- ☞ In verses 2–3, who does David delight in? Is there significance to how they are tied together?
- ☞ David praises God for the blessings he enjoyed (vv. 5–6)
- ☞ How did David meditate? Was his mind blank? What filled his mind? What can you learn from this about biblical meditation?

### Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Thailand—Praise the Lord for the safe trip to Cambodia and back and that we got all our visas!
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth
- We would glorify God as Christ's church, Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24–25; Rev 1:6

## Saturday, Oct 7

### Read— Psalm 25

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1–3 Trusting God in times of distress
- 4–7 Prayer for guidance and forgiveness
- 8–15 Depending on God's covenant blessings
- 16–22 Prayer for deliverance

- ☞ What characterizes true faith (vv. 1–7)?
- ☞ Verse 14 describes the intimate friendship the Lord has with believers
- ☞ In times of great trouble and turmoil what did David do? How did he respond?

### Items for Prayer

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, and Owen Bollon- Taiwan—Praise the Lord for the progress we have made in learning Chinese and pray for continued progress
- 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
- We would earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

## Sunday, Oct 8

### Read— Psalm 26

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

- 1–8 Testifying of love for and faithfulness to the Lord
- 9–12 Praying for protection from the end of the wicked

- ☞ Note what David said was necessary for worshipping God (v. 6). How do you prepare?
- ☞ How did David feel about OT worship (vv. 6, 8, 12)?
- ☞ A “level” or “even place” (v. 12) is a figure of speech for a godly life experiencing God's blessings.

Friday, Oct 6

Read—  
**Psalm 23**

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–4 The Lord's shepherding care  
5–6 The Lord's abundant provision

- ☞ Why do believers have no need to fear (v. 4)?
- ☞ What is David's confidence in verse 6 based on?

**Psalm 24**

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–2 God's sovereignty over all creation  
3–6 The character God requires  
7–10 Announcing the Lord's entrance

- ☞ "Hands" (v. 4) represents your life (you do things with your hands). What is required to be accepted by God?
- ☞ What is involved with seeking the Lord (vv. 3–6)? Are you?

Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo Boehm- Italy—Pray that we and our church family will spend personal time in God's Word and prayer
- 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
- We would establish churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad, Matt 28:19–20; Acts 14:21–23

Tuesday, Oct 3

Read—  
**Psalm 17**

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–5 Prayer from the righteous  
6–12 Request for God's protection  
13–15 Prayer for God's deliverance

- ☞ What kept David from a life of sin (vv. 4–5)?
- ☞ Under the Mosaic Law, what could the righteous believer expect from God (Deut 28:7)? How does that help you understand David's testimony (vv. 3–5) and request (vv. 1–2, 6–15)?
- ☞ What is the difference between the believer's and unbeliever's portion (v. 14)?

**Psalm 18**

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–3 Opening praise  
4–19 God's deliverance  
20–29 The basis of God's deliverance  
30–45 God's deliverance remembered  
46–50 Closing praise

- ☞ Verses 20–24 is not religious boasting but testimony of faithfulness. Even though David was king, did he need to obey God? Why?

Items for Prayer

- Friends in C. A.—Pray that we will have diligence, wisdom, and patience in every aspect of life
- Peniel Bible Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witnessing and public preaching of the gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Pet 3:15; Jude 22–23

## Wednesday, Oct 4

### Read— Psalm 19

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–6 God's greatness is revealed in creation  
7–14 God's grace is revealed in Scripture

- ☞ From verses 2–6, what part of creation does not see God's glory? What is the point of these verses then?
- ☞ In contrast to God's revelation in creation, what does His revelation in Scripture do?

### Psalm 20

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–5 Prayer for God's help  
6–9 Trust in the sovereign God

- ☞ What is the expectation of God's people (v. 6)?
- ☞ Why is verse 7 true? What would be a modern-day application?

### Items for Prayer

- Izaac, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp—Pray for Ashlyn and Brenna as they are in school and work at a bakery
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible, public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42–47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26

## Thursday, Oct 5

### Read— Psalm 21

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–7 Praising God for victories own  
8–13 Trusting God for victories future

- ☞ The word "salvation" (v. 1) must be understood in its context. In Psalm 21, what did God deliver David from?
- ☞ Verse 7, literally in the middle of the psalm, centers everything on the main point. What is the main point?
- ☞ In verse 11, Israel's king was chosen by God and responsible to Him, because God ruled Israel. Thus, when Israel's enemies attacked Israel they were attacking God.

### Psalm 22

→ Briefly, what is this psalm about?

1–10 David's destitution and trust  
11–21 David's suffering and prayer  
22–31 David's praise

- ☞ How long had David experienced this trouble? How long did he seek the Lord?
- ☞ Note David's understanding of God throughout this psalm. How did that guide him through this trial? How could that help you? How well do you know the Lord?
- ☞ David's trust in God was rooted in truth. How did this help his perspective of things? How can you do this?

### Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray for protection from sickness, disease, and animals
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries
- We would equip believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body, Eph 4:11–16; Heb 5:12–14