

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

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“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil,” Eph 5 :16

Monday, June 29

Deuteronomy 31—*Moses’ last words to Israel; the Lord tells Moses that Israel will fall away.*

- ☞ The “place which He will choose” (v. 11) refers to where the Lord would be worshiped at the central altar. Where did this end up being?
- ☞ What would happen when Israel gathered every seven years “at the place which He will choose”? What was every seven years called in Israel?
- ☞ Why would this be important? (Remember, Israel eventually would be taken into captivity because they didn’t observe the Sabbath year.)

Colossians 2—*Paul exhorts the Colossians to rely on Christ alone and resist false teaching.*

- ☞ In verses 2–5, what are the results when Christians in a church mutually encourage each other in Christ?
- ☞ What does Paul say false teaching does in verses 8, 16–18?
- ☞ What false teaching does Paul warn the Colossians about in verses 16–23?

Items for Prayer

- Andy, Sharon, Jeff, Katie, and Trent Rupert- Calvary Baptist of Willard— Pray for Andy as work has been harder because of the virus.
- Persecuted Brothers 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

Tuesday, June 30

Deuteronomy 32—*Moses' song to Israel.*

- ☞ Who is Israel evaluated in light of (v. 5)?
- ☞ “Jeshurun” is another name for Israel (v. 15). What is being conveyed by growing “fat, thick, and sleek”?
- ☞ Note when the Lord saves sinners (v. 36).
- ☞ Verse 39 contains a refrain that the prophets continually repeat—“I am He, and there is no god besides Me” (cp. for example, Isa 42:8; 43:3, 11, 15)

Colossians 3—*Paul urges the Colossians to live for and like Jesus Christ.*

- ☞ Why is it so easy to set our minds on this world? How must this be corrected?
- ☞ What specifically do you need to put off (vv. 5–9)?
- ☞ What specifically do you need to put on (vv. 12–17)?

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH— Pray that the Lord will be pleased to begin bringing in a fruitful harvest from the gospel faithfulness of our people.
- Peniel Bible Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witness and public preaching of the Gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 22-23

Sunday, July 5

Joshua 3—*The Lord causes the Jordan River to divide and Israel crosses over on dry land.*

- ☞ What was impressed on Israel’s mind by the Lord’s forbidding their coming near the Ark of the Covenant (v. 4)?
- ☞ Israel’s crossing the Jordan was exactly like what other similar event in their history? What would this do for this new generation?

1 Thessalonians 4—*Instruction concerning personal purity and when Christians die.*

- ☞ Verse one tells us that living a life that pleases God is based on obedience to apostolic instructions. How well do you know the NT’s teaching? Are you obeying it? What two subjects are addressed in verses 3-12? How serious is this (vv. 6, 8)?
- ☞ From verses 13-18, how do unbelievers respond to the death of a loved one? Why? How should Christians? Why?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, William, Priscilla, and Baby Dion- Papua New Guinea—Pray for Jeremy’s mother, Melody, as she struggles with cancer.
- 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

Saturday, July 4

Joshua 2—*Spies sent from Joshua are sheltered by Rahab, who hides and protects them and promises to protect her; the spies report to Joshua.*

- ☞ How was God preparing the Canaanites to be conquered by Israel?
- ☞ Note verse 11—what is Rahab’s “confession of faith”?

1 Thessalonians 3—*Paul encourages the Thessalonians, and rejoices at their stability in Christ.*

- ☞ Note verses 3-4—why would Paul tell new believers that he would suffer affliction?
- ☞ In the midst of his suffering, what did Paul pray and work towards (vv. 9-10)? What did the Thessalonians need?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray for the salvation of the Jones, Fulton, and Wylie families.
- 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 handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

Wednesday, July 1

Deuteronomy 33—*Moses praises the Lord and blesses each tribe of Israel before he dies.*

- ☞ Despite Israel’s problems and issues, what is the Lord’s feeling toward them (v. 3)? What application can you make from this?
- ☞ The “Thummim and Urim” (v. 8) were part of the High Priest’s breastplate (Exod 28:30), and were a means by which God specifically made His will known.
- ☞ What was the Levites’ main responsibility?
- ☞ Note Moses’ closing blessing concerning Israel (vv. 26–29).

Colossians 4—*Paul’s final instructions on living like Jesus Christ, and greetings from co-workers.*

- ☞ What can you learn about and be challenged by with regard to prayer (vv. 2–4, 12)?

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Pray for God’s grace to glory in His greatness and our weakness.
- 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 administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42- 47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26

Thursday, July 2

Deuteronomy 34—*Moses dies and God buries him.*

- ☞ Note verse 4—the Pentateuch begins with a promise in Genesis 12 and ends by stating that “this is it.” God answers His promises, doesn’t He?
- ☞ How did the Lord equip Joshua to fulfill his new responsibility?
- ☞ This special work of the Spirit in Joshua is called the *theocratic anointing*. Each ruler of Israel as the nation over whom God ruled (“theocratic”) received this enablement from God to lead God’s people.

1 Thessalonians 1—*Paul greets the Thessalonians and praises God for their salvation.*

- ☞ What can you learn from this chapter about key, essential characteristics of genuine faith?
- ☞ What can you learn from this chapter about God’s transforming power? What were the Thessalonians like and committed to?

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray for continued discipleship in our church and that each us would be growing more like Christ
- 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

Friday, July 3

Joshua 1—*The Lord commands and encourages Joshua; Joshua prepares the nation, especially exhorting Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.*

- ☞ Note verse 6—God promised success, but did that mean Joshua didn’t have to do anything? What application can you make from this to your life and the church?
- ☞ What was essential to Joshua’s success?
- ☞ Why did Joshua exhort the two and a half tribes as he did?

1 Thessalonians 2—*Paul reminds the Thessalonians of his ministry among them and their reception of him.*

- ☞ What can you learn about Paul’s ministry from verses 1-12?
- ☞ How did the Thessalonians receive Paul (vv. 13-16)?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray that the church at Thadakam would be seeking the Lord and growing in Him
- 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