



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

Attributes of God

The Wisdom of God

God's wisdom is not something far off from us in a way that makes it inaccessible to us. We have access to the boundless wisdom of God. It's at our fingertips! This week we will see how accessible it is, where His wisdom starts, and where it leads.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

The Giver of Wisdom

Read: Proverbs 2:6-7 & James 1:5

Sometimes we might see the wisdom of God as something that we have to get lucky enough to get or that God holds back His wisdom for those truly worthy of it. God's wisdom is not like Thor's hammer, and only comes to those who are worthy of it. None of us can earn God's wisdom, but it is a gift from God to His children. God is ready to bestow His wisdom on you today. These verses in Proverbs tell us just that. It also tells us that out of God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

Now, it does say that the Lord is storing up His wisdom for the upright. The bad news is that "none is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God" (Romans 3:10-11). The good news is that God makes us righteous and upright through His Son, Jesus Christ. Romans 4:5 tells us, "To the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness." It is through a relationship with Christ that we truly can get wisdom. For wisdom is reserved for the upright. And the upright are none other than those who have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

According to James 1:5, all it takes is asking God for wisdom to receive it. God gives his wisdom to those who ask and gives wisdom generously, without holding back. God is not some stingy giver that only doles out the His wisdom in small bits but gives you access to the depth of His wisdom as much as one needs. We can believe with great confidence that this wisdom will be given.

Just "ask in faith, with no doubting" and the generosity of God will deliver the endless bounds of His wisdom.

Discussion Questions:

- **How does knowing God is "ready to bestow His wisdom" encourage you in your daily decisions?**

Pray

Pray for wisdom. Be specific.

Sing

Be Thou My Vision

BE THOU MY VISION

Verse 1:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2:

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

Verse 3:

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, be first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Verse 4:

High King of Heaven, after victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



TUESDAY

The Bit and the Bridle Blessing

Psalm 32:8-9 & 119:105

Are you like a horse? Are you a mule? I sure hope not! Wild horses and mules have a mind of their own and will not be told where to go, how to think, or how to live. As Christians, we must be open to receiving God's instruction and teaching. We must have the ability to be led by the Lord. Wild horses and mules don't have the ability to be led by a master. If they are going to be led, they must be broken of their rebellious spirit and tools are used to lead them: a bit and bridle. The bit is a piece of metal that goes behind the teeth of the animal and there is a long strap of leather attached to it called the bridle. These lead the wild animal to do things that are useful for the master like giving him a ride or pulling heavy things.

The bit and bridle used in the life of the Christian are the instruction and teaching of God; His wisdom. We are all naturally like that wild horse and mule. We want to live life our own way. I encourage you to see His bit and bridle as a blessing and a gift to you, to live life in a way that pleases Him.

Psalm 119 is all about God's Word. It tells us of the beauty, majesty, and power of the Word of God. In verse 105, we're told that God's Word is like a lamp on a dark path. Have you ever tried walking in complete darkness? You could stub a toe or even step on a lego! But with a light on, we are able to avoid unnecessary pain. God's Word acts as His word of wisdom to us. As we live our lives, we must filter everything through God's Word to make sure we don't stub our toe unnecessarily.

Discussion Question

What are some ways that people will rebel against the Lord's wisdom?

Pray

Thank Him for his wisdom that He gives and ask God to tame your rebellious heart.

Sing

Thy Word

THY WORD

Verse 1:

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Verse 2:

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end.

Bridge:

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end.



WEDNESDAY

Throne of Grace

Hebrews 4:16

These words of Jesus speak directly of a wise man and a foolish man. They both build houses. But one, the wise man, builds his house on a firm foundation of the rock. The foolish man, however, builds his house on the sand. Rock is not known to move easily, thus having it as the foundation of your house would work nicely. However, a foundation of sand would be washed away in every storm and blown away with every wind; your house would fall over. This is Jesus' point. He is simply telling us that anyone who listens and follows the words of Jesus are considered "wise men." Those who don't are so foolish that they are likely to build a house on something as silly as sand.

So when Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me," we would be wise to believe him. When He says, "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish," we must be wise and repent. The foolish person says to himself, "I can find God without Jesus," and "I don't need to repent."

Jesus even makes multiple "I AM" statements in Scripture. These statements should be understood to mean that Jesus is claiming to be God, Himself. For example: "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). In this verse, Jesus is claiming that He and the Father are the same in essence as God. The Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Father, but they are both God. We would be "wise" to understand that Jesus is God.

We would be "foolish" to believe that Jesus is simply a man, a good prophet, or a wise teacher. Although Jesus is all of those good things, more importantly, Jesus is God.

Discussion Question:

What are some "sand" foundations people commonly build their lives on today?

Pray

Ask God to give you a wise heart that not only listens to His truth but obeys it, even when it's hard.

Sing

The Solid Rock

THE SOLID ROCK

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2:

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Verse 3:

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Verse 4:

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.



THURSDAY

Real Wisdom

James 3:13-18

James gives us a juxtaposition between what is and is not Godly wisdom, but the question that James starts with leads us to believe no one can actually use Godly wisdom without God helping us do it.

“Who is wise and understanding among you?” The answer to this question is, “no one.” James proceeds to give examples of two types of wisdom. On the right side of this page, Godly wisdom and worldly wisdom are listed.

Reliance upon your own wisdom and not God’s wisdom is unspiritual and demonic, according to verse 15. When relying on your own wisdom, you’ll suffer bitter jealousy, obsession with what your heart’s desires, and lack consideration for others. Godly wisdom, when looking at the lists, seems to focus on living well with others. The worldly wisdom side is concerned with being selfish. Godly wisdom is selfless, thus leading to righteousness as seen in verse 18.

Remember righteousness is not attainable without Christ. This passage reminds us we cannot have Godly wisdom without God. Seeking to have a personal relationship with Him is the only way we access this Godly wisdom.

Godly Wisdom:

pure, peaceable,
gentle, open to reason,
full of mercy,
full of good fruits,
impartial, sincere

Worldly Wisdom:

bitter jealousy,
selfish ambition,
boastful, liars,
unspiritual, demonic

Discussion Questions:

When you see the differences between the two types of wisdom, what do you notice?

Pray

Pray that God would make you wise and you would apply His wisdom to your life.

Sing

*Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise*

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Verse 1:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Verse 2:

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3:

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Verse 4:

All laud we would render, oh help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee
And so let thy glory almighty impart
Through Christ in His story Thy Christ to the heart.



FRIDAY

Where Wisdom Begins

Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10

When we think of fear, we might think of what scares us the most. Maybe being in the dark or a creepy-crawly insect is what scares you most? So when we think about fear, there is usually a negative connection with it. We don't like feeling scared of things, or at least I sure don't! So, when we encounter passages like these, it can be confusing to think of fearing God because we don't like being afraid. These verses, though, are not telling us to be afraid of God or to be scared of Him. The fear that is to be associated with God is a fear that is closer to a great respect. Maybe a lot like the fear you have of Mom or Dad when you've done something wrong. You know you're in trouble and that Mom/Dad will be sure to discipline you, but you're not in grave danger. To fear God is to know that He is the one due all praise, honor, and glory.

All week we've talked about where wisdom comes from, how to access wisdom, and why it is important to do so. We finish this week on where we should begin with wisdom. Where does wisdom start? These verses tell us that wisdom starts at the point we fear God; that we know He is the one in charge of our lives. Once we are able to admit God is the ruler of our lives, we begin to understand His knowledge and we're able to apply His wisdom to our lives. The important factor is having a relationship with God, and that starts with Christ. Do you know Christ as your Lord?

Discussion Questions:

How can understanding "fear of God" as respect change the way we think about our relationship with Him?

Pray

Pray that God would make Himself real to you.

Sing

Father, I Adore You

FATHER, I ADORE YOU

Verse 1:

Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Verse 2:

Jesus, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Verse 3:

Spirit, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You





6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am



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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

