

BEGINNINGS

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-11

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Joel Smith preached the sermon: “Trust and Obey,” from Genesis 12:1-4 and exhorted us to trust God’s many promises and obey God’s general and specific calling. We saw that faith fuels obedience, and obedience results in unrivaled joy in Christ.

Read: Genesis 8:13-9:17

This Sunday, Pastor Jason Finley will preach from Genesis 8:13-9:17 and will encourage us to walk in thankfulness to God because he is faithful even when we are not. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let this devotional from Charles Spurgeon bring you comfort and joy in our God who remembers us.

Reflect: God Remembers Us

I WILL REMEMBER MY COVENANT. — GENESIS 9:15

Note the form of this promise. God does not say, “And when you shall look upon the bow, and you shall remember My covenant, then I will not destroy the earth,” but it is gloriously put, not upon our memory, which is fickle and frail, but upon God’s memory, which is infinite and immutable. “When . . . the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant.” It is not my remembering God—it is God’s remembering me that is the ground of my safety; it is not my laying hold of His covenant, but His covenant’s laying hold on me.

Glory be to God! The ramparts of salvation are secured by divine power, and even the minor towers, which we could imagine being left to man, are guarded by almighty strength. Even the remembrance of the covenant is not left to our memories, for we might forget; but our Lord cannot forget the names of those whom He has graven on the palms of His hands. It is with us as it was with Israel in Egypt; the blood was upon the lintel and the two side-posts, but the Lord did not say, “When you see the blood I will pass over you,” but “When I see the blood I will pass over you.”

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

My looking to Jesus brings me joy and peace, but it is God's looking to Jesus that secures my salvation and that of all His elect, since it is impossible for our God to look at Christ, our bleeding Surety, and then to be angry with us for sins already punished in Him. It is not left with us even to be saved by remembering the covenant. There is not a single thread of human effort in this fabric. It is not of man, neither by man, but of the Lord alone. We should remember the covenant, and we shall do it, through divine grace; but the hinge of our safety does not hang there—it is God's remembering us, not our remembering Him; and hence the covenant is an everlasting covenant.

August 13th Evening Devotional, in Morning and Evening, by C. H. Spurgeon

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "The Lord Our God," by Passion
2. "Only a Holy God," by CityAlight
3. "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death," Arr. Shane & Shane

SONG LYRICS

"THE LORD OUR GOD"

Jason Ingram | Kristian Stanfill

Verse 1

Promise maker promise keeper
You finish what You begin
Our provision through the desert
You see it through till the end
You see it through till the end

Chorus

The Lord our God is ever faithful
Never changing through the ages
From this darkness You will lead us
And forever we will say
You're the Lord our God

Verse 2

In the silence in the waiting
Still we can know You are good
All Your plans are for Your glory
Yes we can know You are good
Yes we can know You are good

Bridge

We won't move without You
We won't move without You
You're the light of all and all that we need

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SONG LYRICS

"ONLY A HOLY GOD"

Dustin Smith | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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SONG LYRICS

"CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH"

Jordan Kauflin | Keith Getty | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Matthew Merker

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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SERMON NOTES

COVENANT GRACE

Genesis 8:12-9:17

Big Idea: God is faithful even when we are not.

God faithfully provides...

1. A Pattern of Worship (8:13-21)

a. (Re)creation (vv. 13-19)

Genesis 8:13-19

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. Then God said to Noah, "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

b. Rebellion (vv. 21b)

Genesis 8:21b

"for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth."

Genesis 6:5

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

c. Redemption (vv. 20-21)

Genesis 8:20-21

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

SERMON NOTES

COVENANT GRACE

Genesis 8:12-9:17

2. A Covenant Promise of Common Grace (8:22-9:17)

Covenant: A relationship with an oath-bound commitment

Common Grace: Every favor or blessing, falling short of salvation, which this undeserving and sin-cursed world enjoys at the hand of God.

Special Grace: The grace of God that brings people to repentance and faith in Jesus; saving grace

God's covenant with Noah ensures the stability of life and nature and promotes order in the world.

a. Provision (vv. 8:22, 9:1-4)

- Repopulation

Genesis 9:1

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."

- Food

Genesis 8:22

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 9:2-4

The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood

SERMON NOTES

COVENANT GRACE

Genesis 8:12-9:17

b. Protection (vv. 9:5-7)

Genesis 9:5-7

And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

Prototype for society and government exists to uphold the dignity of human life by (1) restraining evil and (2) promoting flourishing.

c. Perpetual Sign (vv. 9:8-17)

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?



Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?

**Sermon
doodles**

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVE: TO SEE THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN ARE NOT.

DISCUSS

- Imagine walking off the ark with Noah. What might that have been like?
- Read (Genesis 8:13-9:17). What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What does this passage reveal about God? How does it demonstrate God's faithfulness? (6:18)
- What does this passage reveal about mankind?
- In this "re-creation" account of humanity, what words or phrases are repeated from Genesis 1-2? What is different compared to Genesis 1-2? What do we make of these similarities and differences?
- How does this passage point us to Christ?

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. You may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

GOD'S COVENANT MERCY

After bringing judgment upon mankind through the flood, God establishes his covenant of mercy to Noah and to all future generations of humanity to never again flood the whole earth. God establishes that the rainbow in the clouds would serve as the visible sign and reminder of the covenant that he established and will alone fulfill.

READ: Genesis 9:8-17

- What does this passage teach us about God's character and mercy?
- How is Jesus's life, death, and resurrection an even greater display of God's mercy?
- How should we respond when we see God's sign of the covenant, the rainbow?

PRAY

- Praise God for his great mercy in promising to never flood the earth again. Praise God for his mercy he has shown Christians by placing his wrath upon Jesus in our place.
- Pray that God would draw many lost people to himself and that they would receive mercy and forgiveness in Christ just as we have.

SING: "His Mercy Is More," by Shane & Shane

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HahLJy4eI-o>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

GOD'S GRACE IN HUMAN GOVERNMENT

Every four years we are freshly reminded of the significance of our government leaders. Whereas Genesis 9:5-6 speaks to the value of human life, Romans 13:1-7 reveals the fundamental purpose of human government--the protection and flourishing of human life. Another way of putting it is this: God instituted human governments as extensions of his justice on this earth. Specifically in Romans 13:3-4, readers can see that governments are intended to punish and restrain evil in this world thus allowing the human race to "be fruitful and multiply." For Christians, obedience to civil authorities is an expression of our first obedience unto God (except for rare circumstances in which we would otherwise be forced to sin; see Matthew 2:12, Acts 5:29, Hebrews 11:23).

READ: Romans 13:1-7

- What words are used in this passage to describe government leaders?
- According to this passage, why are government leaders to be seen as "God's servants?"
- Based on your reading of this passage, why do you think praying for government leaders is important?

PRAY

- Ask God to reveal ways in which you may be living disrespectfully toward government officials and entities.
- Thank God for activating providentially through human rulers to bring about His divine purposes.

SING: "How Great is Our God," by Chris Tomlin

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBD18rsVJHk>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

GOD'S SURE FAITHFULNESS

Just as God faithfully preserved Noah and his family on the ark, God is also faithful to keep His covenant promise today. We are now living in the fulfillment of the New Covenant that God promised to Noah. The Holy Spirit lives in us and our sins are forgiven! So great is the faithfulness of God that even as the fixed order of the world remains, so God's covenant is established until the end.

READ: Jeremiah 31:31-37

- What do you observe about God from this passage?
- Reread verse 34. What does this specific promise mean? How have you witnessed this in your own spheres of life?
- God is faithful even when we are not. How does this passage motivate you to remain faithful to God in your daily life?
- In what ways can you better live out your trust in God when tempted to doubt?

PRAY

- Thank God that He is always faithful to keep His promises and that His faithfulness isn't reliant on ours.
- Ask God to reveal areas of your life where you are prone to doubt His faithfulness and pray for guidance to trust Him always
- Ask God for opportunities to share His faithfulness with others and for the awareness to recognize those opportunities.

SING: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," by Austin Stone Worship

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eQ1oal44wU&ab>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

WORSHIP IN A FALLEN WORLD

Psalm 107 is a post-exilic Psalm that leads God's people to praise his name as they remember his great deliverance. Just as God was faithful to deliver his people from exile in Babylon to return to their home He is faithful to deliver us now from our sin through Christ's work on the Cross.

READ: Psalm 107:20-22

- How does the psalmist respond to God's deliverance?
- Why is it important to recount out loud the deeds of the Lord? In verse 22 we are told to tell of God's works with songs of joy!
- How does this short passage encourage us to give thanks even in the midst of difficult times?
- If you are working through this alone, spend some time journaling about all the things you are thankful to God for. If you are with your family or housemates, spend some times sharing out loud the things you are thankful to God for. Thank God for your salvation, for his provision, for the different ways he has blessed you.

PRAY

- Give thanks to God in prayer.
- Pray that God would help you have a spirit of Thankfulness.

SING: "Jesus Thank You" by Sovereign Grace Music

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHp8eThI2qk>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

In Paul's second letter to his beloved brother in the faith, Timothy, he continues to encourage believers to remember and be strengthened by their faith in Christ Jesus. In chapter 2, Paul specifically reminds the reader the of the strength found in Christ and that those that die with Christ will live with him and endure (vv. 11-12)

READ: 2 Timothy 2:13

- What does Paul say about man?
- What does Paul say about Christ?
- How is this passage connected to what was taught in Genesis? What encourages you about God's promise to be faithful to his people?
- If you were writing a letter to a fellow believer, how would you encourage them to remain faithful? What words or truths would you use based on what you have learned in your study of Scripture this week?

PRAY

- That the Lord would multiply your faith and destroy any seed or root of faithlessness in your heart.
- Ask God to help you share the encouragement from Scripture this week with someone who is faithless.

SING: "In the Hands of Christ My King," by Austin Stone Worship
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tfXaXIHXY8>)