

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day. 92 IT is a good thing to give thanks and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: 2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. 4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands

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The Characteristics of the Combatants. Galatians 5:19-26



The Spirit and its virtues: A catalog of the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Galatians 5:22

gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. Galatians 5:23

The Spirit and its Virtues. Verses 5:22-26 Categories, themes for the virtue list:

- 1. Dispositions of the mind/heart
- 2. Qualities affecting human relationships
- 3. Characteristics that guide personal conduct





The Spirit and its Virtues. Verses 5:22g

- * Old Testament
- אַמַן (ʾā·mǎn):
 - * It is defined as loyalty, constancy, consistency, reliability, dependable, trustworthiness, or steadfastness, in one's affections or allegiance. Deuteronomy 7:1-11; Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8-9
 - This word can also connote the close connection between a mother, wet nurse, or nanny and a baby/child. Numbers 11:12; Ruth 4:16; 2 Samuel 4:4

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess, and he drives out many nations before you-the Hethites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and powerful than you -Deuteronomy 7:1

and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you and you defeat them, you must completely destroy them. Make no treaty with them and show them no mercy. Deuteronomy 7:2

You must not intermarry with them, and you must not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, Deuteronomy 7:3

because they will turn your sons away from me to worship other gods. Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will swiftly destroy you. Deuteronomy 7:4

Instead, this is what you are to do to them: tear down their altars, smash their sacred pillars, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their carved images. Deuteronomy 7:5

For you are a holy people belonging to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be his own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6

"The LORD had his heart set on you and chose you, not because you were more numerous than all peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. Deuteronomy 7:7

But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors, he brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Deuteronomy 7:8

Know that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps his gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commands. Deuteronomy 7:9

But he directly pays back and destroys those who hate him. He will not hesitate to pay back directly the one who hates him. Deuteronomy 7:10

So keep the command—the statutes and ordinances — that I am giving you to follow today. Deuteronomy 7:11



The Lord said: These people approach me with their speeches to honor me with lip-service, yet their hearts are far from me, and human rules direct their worship of me. Isaiah 29:13



The Spirit and its Virtues. Verses 5:22g

- * New Testament
- πίστις (pistis):
 - * Here Paul employs the word as adjective and thus connotes the ideas of: faithfulness, dependability, reliability, trustworthy, fidelity, commitment, loγalty.





Biblical faithfulness begins and ends with God.

Then Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, 'Go back to your land and to your family, and I will cause you to prosper,' Genesis 32:9

I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. Indeed, I crossed over the Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two camps. Genesis 32:10

Please rescue me from my brother Esau, for lam afraid of him; otherwise, he may come and attack me, the mothers, and their children. Genesis 32:11

You have said, 'I will cause you to prosper, and I will make your offspring like the sand of the sea, too numerous to be counted." Genesis 32:12



Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and with justice he judges and makes war. Revelation 19:11

His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on his head. He had a name written that no one knows except himself. Revelation 19:12

He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God. Revelation 19:13

The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. Revelation 19:14

A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. Revelation 19:15

And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Revelation 19:16







¹Pay attention, heavens, and I will speak; listen, earth, to the words from my mouth. ²Let my teaching fall like rain and my word settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grass and showers on tender plants. Deuteronomy 32:1-2

³For I will proclaim the LORD's name. Declare the greatness of our God! 4The Rock-his work is perfect; all his ways are just. A faithful God, without bias, he is righteous and true. Deuteronomy 32:3-4





God's motivation to be faithful is bound to His character and commission.

¹¹This saying is trustworthy: For if we died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; 2 Timothy 2:11-12

if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself. 2 Timothy 2:13



Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Matthew 28:18

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19

teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Our motivation to be faithful to God is two-fold: To devote ourselves to God's cosmic mission of reconciliation and To be faithful to the end.

¹A person should think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and managers of the mysteries of God. ²In this regard, it is required that managers be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2



3It is of little importance to me that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I don't even judge myself. 4For lam not conscious of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this. It is the Lord who judges me. 1 Corinthians 4:3-4

So don't judge anything prematurely, before the Lord comes, who will both bring to light what is hidden in darkness and reveal the intentions of the hearts. And then praise will come to each one from God. 1 Corinthians 4:5

Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying: "Nothing beyond what is written." The purpose is that none of you will be arrogant, favoring one person over another. 1 Corinthians 4:6

For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn't receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn't received it? 1 Corinthians 4:7

You are already full! You are already rich! You have begun to reign as kings without us—and l wish you did reign, so that we could also reign with you! 1 Corinthians 4:8

For I think God has displayed us, the apostles, in last place, like men condemned to die: We have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to people. 1 Corinthians 4:9

We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! 1 Corinthians 4:10

Up to the present hour we are both hungry and thirsty; we are poorly clothed, roughly treated, homeless;

1 Corinthians 4:11

we labor, working with our own hands. When we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; 1 Corinthians 4:12

when we are slandered, we respond graciously. Even now, we are like the scum of the earth, like everyone's garbage. 1 Corinthians 4:13



I'm not writing this to shame γου, but to warn γου as mγ dear children. 1 Corinthians 4:14

For you may have countless instructors in Christ, but you don't have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 1 Corinthians 4:15

Therefore I urge you to imitate me. This is why I have sent Timothy to you. He is my dearly loved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you about my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church. 1 Corinthians 4:16-17

Now some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk, but the power of those who are arrogant. 1 Corinthians 4:18-19

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness? 1 Corinthians 4:20-21



I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of his appearing and his kingdom: 2 Timothy 4:1

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3

They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths. 2 Timothy 4:4

But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill vour ministry. 2 Timothy 4:5

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close. 2 Timothy 4:6

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8



"Write to the angel of the church in Smyrna: Thus says the First and the Last, the one who was dead and came to life: Revelation 2:8

I know your affliction and poverty, but you are rich. I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Revelation 2:9

Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will experience affliction for ten days. Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10





Our focus must be cultivating faithful disciples

¹You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Four generations of disciple-makers

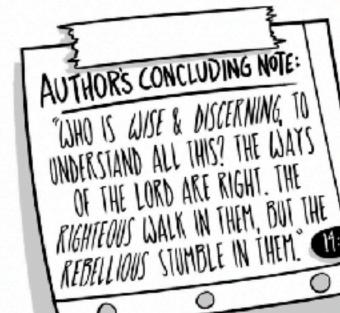
- * 1st Generation: Paul
- 2nd Generation: Timothy
- 3rd Generation: Faithful men/
 - women
- 4th Generation: Who teach others





Hosea's marriage to Gomer and God's faithfulness to unfaithful Israel and Judah





HOSEA'S POETRY REVEALS DEEP TRUTHS ABOUT GOD'S CHARACTER & HUMAN NATURE.

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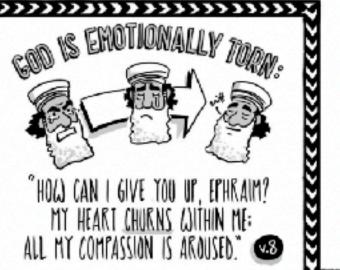






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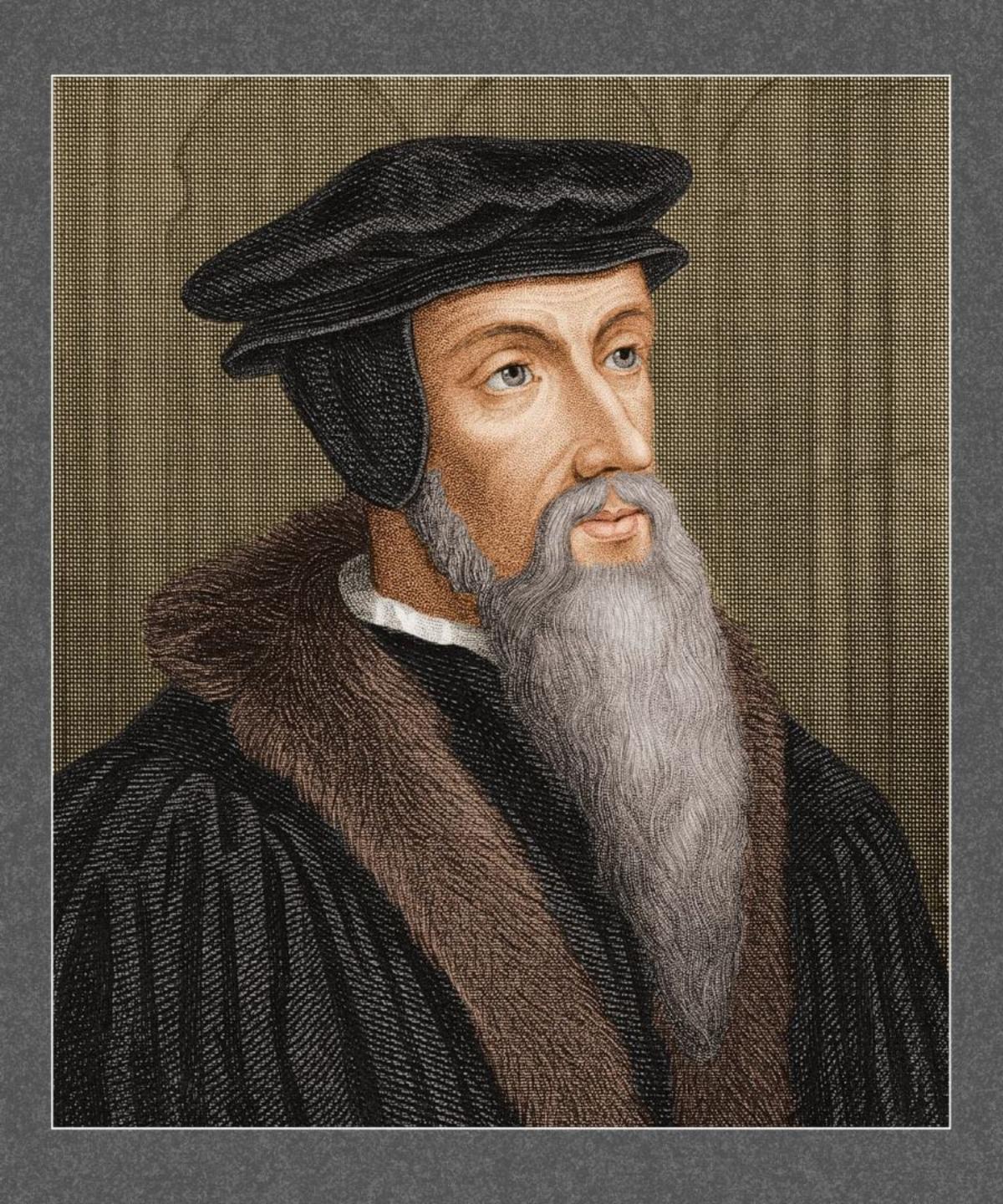












JOHN CALVIN

(1509-64)

Magisterial Reformer

- R Calvin was born in Noγon, Picardy, France in 1509.
- In the mid-1520s Calvin was proficient in Latin, excelled in philosophy and qualified to study theology in Paris which was his father's plan.
- * His father was a lawyer & suddenly changed his mind and insisted that John study law, which he unimpassionedly did for 5-6 years at the University of Orleans.

- * While bored with law studies, Calvin took great interest in classic philosophy, he learned Greek, later added Hebrew & published his first commentary on Seneca's De Clementia.
- * Calvin heart was set on fire by the news Luther's reformation in Germany. Persecution against protestants broke out in Paris where he was teaching at the time and Calvin sought refuge in Basel, Switzerland.
- In 1536, he published the landmark text Institutes of the Christian Religion.

- * Calvin believed the church should faithfully mirror the principles laid down in Holy Scripture. In his Ecclesiastical Ordinances he argued that the New Testament taught four orders of ministry: pastors, doctors, elders, and deacons. Around these, the city was organized.
- * Pastors conducted the services, preached, administered the Sacraments, and cared for the spiritual welfare of parishioners. In each of the three parish churches, two Sunday services and a catechism class were offered. Every other weekday, a service was held—later on, every day. The Lord's Supper was celebrated quarterly.

- The doctors, or teachers, lectured in Latin on the Old and New Testaments usually on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The audience consisted mainly of the older schoolboys and ministers, but anyone could attend.
- In every district, elders kept an eye on spiritual affairs. If they saw that so-and-so was frequently the worse for drink, or that Mr. X beat his wife, or that Mr. Y and Mrs. Z were seeing too much of each other, they admonished them in a brotherly manner. If the behavior didn't cease, they reported the matter to the Consistory, the church's governing body, which would summon the offender. Excommunication was a last resort and would remain in force until the offender repented.

- * Finally, social welfare was the charge of the deacons. They were the hospital management board, social security executives, and alms-house supervisors. The deacons were so effective, Geneva had no beggars.
- The system worked so well for so many years that when John Knox visited Geneva in 1554, he wrote a friend that the city "is the most perfect school of Christ that ever was in the earth since the days of the apostles."

- His afflictions were intensified by opposition he sometimes faced. People tried to drown his voice by loud coughing while he preached; others fired guns outside the church. Men set their dogs on him. There were even anonymous threats against his life. He was exiled from Geneva in 1538 but returned in 1541.
- During his exile in Strasbourg, Calvin served as pastor & married the widow & mother of two children: Idelette de Bure in 1540-49.

John & Idelette tried to have children of their own, but each time tragedy touched. The first child, a boy, was born, prematurely and died soon after. Their second child, a girl, was born but suffered from fever & soon died. Their third baby, a boy, was born stillborn. To say that they were devastated is an understatement. Calvin's opponents rubbed their tragedies in his face, asserting that Calvin's inability to sire children to carry on his name was God's rebuke of the Reformer's life and ministry.

- * Calvin drove himself beyond his body's limits. When he could not walk the couple of hundred yards to church, he was carried in a chair to preach. When the doctor forbade him to go out in the winter air to the lecture room, he crowded the audience into his bedroom and gave lectures there. Calvin's sermons, lectures and writings shaped Western Civilization in terms of democracy, capitalism, theology, education, social welfare, and individual excellence.
- He died on May 27, 1564

- Nothing is more to God than His own truth.
- * God is not to be separated from His Word.

- * As soon as men depart even in the smallest degree from God's Word, then cannot preach anything but falsehoods, vanities, imposters, errors, and deceits.
- No one then ought to be deemed a sound teacher, but he who speaks from God's mouth.

"If I should climb up into the pulpit without having designed to look at a book and frivolously imagine, 'Ah well! when I get there God will give me enough to talk about,' and I do not condescend to read, or to think about what I ought to declare, and I come here without carefully pondering how I must apply the Holy Scripture to the edification of the people-well, then I should be a cock-sure charlatan and God would put me to confusion in my audaciousness."

During his three-year ministry in Strasbourg (1538-1541), Calvin preached through the Gospel of John and Romans entirely. Upon his return to Geneva in 1541, he preached through much of the New Testament. Beginning in 1549, he preached through:

- *Acts (89 sermons, August 25, 1549-1550, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1560)
- * 1 Corinthians (110 sermons, 1555-1557)
- 2 Corinthians (66 sermons, 1557)
- Galatians (43 sermons, 1557)
- Ephesians (48 sermons, 1558)

- 1 and 2 Thessalonians (55 sermons, 1554)
- * 1 Timothγ (55 sermons, 1554)
- 2 Timothy (31 sermons, 1555)
- * Titus (17 sermons, 1555)
- * A Harmonγ of the Sγnoptic Gospels (65 sermons between 1549, 1553,1554-1555, 1559-1560, 1562-1564)
- a series stopped by his final illness and death.

- Genesis (123 sermons, September 4, 1559-1561)
- * Deuteronomγ (201 sermons March 20, 1555-Julγ15, 1556)
- Judges (a shorter series in 1561)
- * 1 Samuel (107 sermons, 1561-1562)
- 2 Samuel (87 sermons,1562-1563)

- * 1 Kings (a lengthγ series, 1563-1564)
- Job (159 sermons, February 26, 1554-March 1555)
- Psalms (72 sermons, 1549-1557, 1560)
- Psalm 119 (22 sermons, 1553)
- Isaiah (353 sermons, 1556-1559)

- Jeremiah (91 sermons, 1549)
- * Lamentations (25 sermons, 1550)
- * Ezekiel (175 sermons, 1552-1554)
- Daniel (47 sermons, 1552)
- * Hosea (65 sermons, 1551)

- * Joel (17 sermons, 1551)
- * Amos (43 sermons, 1551-1552)
- Obadiah (5 sermons, 1552)
- * Jonah (6 sermons, 1552)
- Micah (20 sermons, November 12, 1550-January 10, 1551)

- * Nahum (we do not have the number)
- Zephaniah (17 sermons, 1551)
- * To those who would urge him to rest, he asked, "What? Would γou have the Lord find me idle when he comes?"



Coram Deo (In the presence, before the face of God)

Let us be found faithful in ALL things until the end!

