



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Family Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 18: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

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. It is expected that parents will be teaching 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 sing 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.

MONDAY

Read Exodus 34:1-9

Discuss

We don't like to discuss sin or its punishment. We try to avoid thinking about it. But the reality is that God WILL punish sin. In fact, His nature, who He is, demands that sin be punished.

God is just. That means that God is the perfect and final standard of what is right. We trust and we know that He will make all things right. Pause and read Romans 12:19. When we are sinned against, when people hurt us, what are we supposed to do? Trust in God because He is just. He will make everything right.

When we have been sinned against, we love the justice of God. But each of us has sinned against God, and His honor and glory deserves justice be done. Our sins against Him deserve to be punished. Because God is just, He must punish sin.

“When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.”
Proverbs 21:15

But who is righteous? Romans 3:10-12 tells us that no one is righteous. On our own, we are sinful and unrighteous and deserving of punishment. God is just, and He will not let sin go unpunished.

Discussion Questions

- How does the justice of God make you feel?
- Why does God need to punish sin?
- How can we have our guilt removed?

Sing

Our Sovereign God
Tom Pennington

Pray

Confess your sins to God and
praise Him for being just and
righteous.

OUR SOVEREIGN GOD

Verse 1

Our Sovereign God by His own word
Sustains this world and reigns as Lord.
No angel, demon, sinful man can change
His course, restrain His hand.
O sovereign God, we praise Your pow'r;
Your wisdom, goodness we adore!
We bow our hearts before Your throne;
Help us, O Lord, to trust You more,
Help us, O Lord, to trust You more.

Verse 2

When the fullness of the time had come,
God sent His own Beloved Son.
To keep God's law, live in our place,
To bear our sin, guilt and disgrace.
Dead in our sin, estranged from God,
We fled as rebels from His love.
In sovereign grace He made us sons,
And saved us from the wrath to come,
And saved us from the wrath to come.

Verse 3

Before our birth He planned our days,
Laid out our course, ordained our ways.
The moments of our lives He weaves
So all the glory He receives.
To those He loved before all time,
To all He called, and grace renewed,
He cannot lie; His word is true,
He makes all things to work for good,
He makes all things to work for good.

Verse 4

He has written history's final page
His Son's return will end this age.
The Lamb will come in glorious might,
Take back His world and end it's night.
How deep the wisdom of our God,
Unknown, unfathomed are His ways.
None counsels Him or knows His mind.
We bow before Him all our days,
We bow before Him all our days
O Sovereign God, we praise Your pow'r;
Your wisdom, goodness we adore!
We bow our hearts before Your throne;
Help us, O Lord, to trust You more,
Help us, O Lord, to trust You more.



TUESDAY

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-20 (focus on verse 15 and consider reading the entire chapter)

Discuss

When I was 17 I was driving in the country roads around my home. Like most 17 year olds, I was driving far faster than I should have been. Of course, I soon saw the lights of a police car come up behind me. I pulled over and was given a ticket. My dad joined me as I went to traffic court, hoping to only have to go to traffic school. To my dismay, the judge was a member of my church and I had grown up with his children.

When I broke the traffic law, I deserved to consequences for my actions. My punishment was traffic school and the public shame of having the judge be a family friend. But the law needed to be satisfied somehow, and it was. When we break the law, we deserve the punishment for those actions.

How much more when we break the law of the God of the universe? Each of us has broken the law of God more times than we could ever list. We all stand guilty before His throne. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." "For the wages of sin is death."

Sin must be punished, because the law demands satisfaction.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever broken a law or a rule in the home and gotten punished?
- Do you think it is right to be punished for breaking laws?
- Why do we get punished stricter for breaking God's law than when we break the laws of men?

Sing

Come, My Soul, Your Plea Prepare
John Newton

Pray

Thank God for setting the perfect standard in His law.

COME, MY SOUL, YOUR PLEA PREPARE

Verse 1:

Come, my soul, your plea prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid you pray,
Rise and ask without delay.

Verse 2:

I am coming to a King,
Large petitions with me bring;
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much.

Verse 3:

With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Your blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

Verse 4:

Lord, I come to You for rest;
Take possession of my breast;
There Your blood-bought right maintain,
And without a rival reign.

Verse 5:

While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Your love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.



WEDNESDAY

Read Psalm 7 (focus on verses 6 and 11)

Discuss

When we hear about terrible things that happen, we usually feel two emotions: sadness/grief, and anger. Anger is not always wrong. As RC Sproul said, “A perfectly holy judge of all of the world, who is incapable of being angry about evil, could not possibly be good.”

God certainly feels righteous indignation and anger in response to sin. When we sin, we are sinning against Him and damaging His image bearers (ourselves and others).

He has every right to be angry with our sin. But unlike our anger, His anger is righteous! When we think of our anger, usually we don't have a good reason for our anger. Most often we are angry because people have offended us or we haven't gotten our way.

Because God is the standard of right and wrong, whenever He is angry it is always perfect and just. He is always angry for the right reasons at the right things. He is never wrong.

If we stay in our sins, God has every reason to be angry with us. The only way for God's anger to be removed from us is for someone to take our place. Christ did that. When He died upon the cross, God's anger towards our sin was on Him, and His love for His Son was given to us.

Discussion Questions

- Do you think God has reason to be angry with sin?
- When you get angry, is it usually righteous or unrighteous?
- How did Christ take the anger of God away from us?

Sing

When Trials Come
Keith and Kristyn Getty

Pray

Thank God for His mercy
through the Son.

WHEN TRIALS COME

Verse 1:

When trials come, no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told

Verse 2:

Within the night I know Your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercy flows
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow

Verse 3:

I turn to wisdom not my own
For every battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures; Your ways are good

Verse 4:

When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run
Till you complete the work begun
Till You complete the work begun

Verse 5:

One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope you called me to
And in Your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old



THURSDAY

Read Romans 1:18-31

Discuss

“... receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error.”

There are two types of judgement for sin. An eternal judgement that we will discuss tomorrow, and a temporal judgement in this life. Not every bad thing that happens is immediate judgment for sin, but God does send punishments for sin in this life.

Don't believe me? Let's look at some examples. Israel was exiled to Babylon for their rejection of God. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed in a single night for their sin. Floods, plagues, droughts, invasions, the 10 plagues, and many more times God sends immediate punishment for sin.

Even if and when we repent of our sins, sometimes the consequences remain. When people sin in their marriage, even after repentance reconciliation may not happen. I have friends who lived for a long time in sin and they contracted diseases that will eventually kill them.

Our sins can damage our health, ruin relationships, sabotage our employment and education. While the punishment here is nothing compared to what will come, it is still real and hard.

The Father disciplines those He loves. Sometimes punishment is correction, so that we turn away from sin. If you are experiencing the effects of sin, stop and turn to Christ.

Discussion Questions

- In what ways have you seen the consequences of sin in this life?
- When you see the consequences of sin, do you turn back to the forgiving God, or not? Why?

Sing

How Can I Keep From Singing
Keith and Kristyn Getty

Pray

Thank God that there is coming a day when even the presence of sin will be gone

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Verse 1:

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?

Verse 2:

While though my joys and comforts die
I know my Savior liveth
While though the darkness gather round
Songs in the night He giveth
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge, clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Verse 3:

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin
I see the blue above it
And, day by day, this pathway smooths
Since, first, I learned to love it
The peace of Christ makes fresh, my heart
A fountain ever springing
All things are mine, since I am His
How can I keep from singing?

Verse 4:

The peace of Christ makes fresh, my heart
A fountain ever springing
All things are mine, since I am His
How can I keep from singing?



FRIDAY

Read Mark 9:42-50 and John 5:19-29 and Revelation 20:15

Discuss

We LOVE to talk about heaven, don't we? How wonderful it will be! We don't talk nearly as often about hell. As wonderful as heaven will be, hell be equally horrible. I could soften this for little ears, but parents I will let you use your judgement in this description.

Just as the glories of heaven are indescribable, so to the horrors of hell are far greater than we can ever imagine. It is called a place of darkness (Mat. 8:12). A darkness so suppressing you can feel it. And in this darkness there is fire that gives no light, but is hot as can be and never goes out (Rev. 20:15). Yet the pain will be felt perfectly because all who go there will also be resurrected (Jn. 15:29). In a body that doesn't decay or go numb, in a suppressing and overwhelming darkness that never lifts, swimming in a lightless lake of burning fire, always able to perfectly feel the pain of the flames... this is the future punishment for those who do not come to Christ. Not separation from God, but eternity under His unrestrained righteous wrath for their sins.

Hell is horrible. It is also what we all deserve for our sins. Is there any hope?

Yes! ““For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16. God has loved us and sent His Son to take this punishment from us. Where we deserved to die, He did. He died so that we can live. The only way to receive forgiveness is through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever considered hell this deeply before?
- How do the horrors of hell reveal the extent of God's love?
- Seeing what Christ died to save you from, what is your response to Him?

Sing

Jesus paid It All
Elvina Hall

Pray

Thank God the mercy of
the sacrifice of Christ.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

Verse 1:

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Verse 2:

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

[Refrain]

