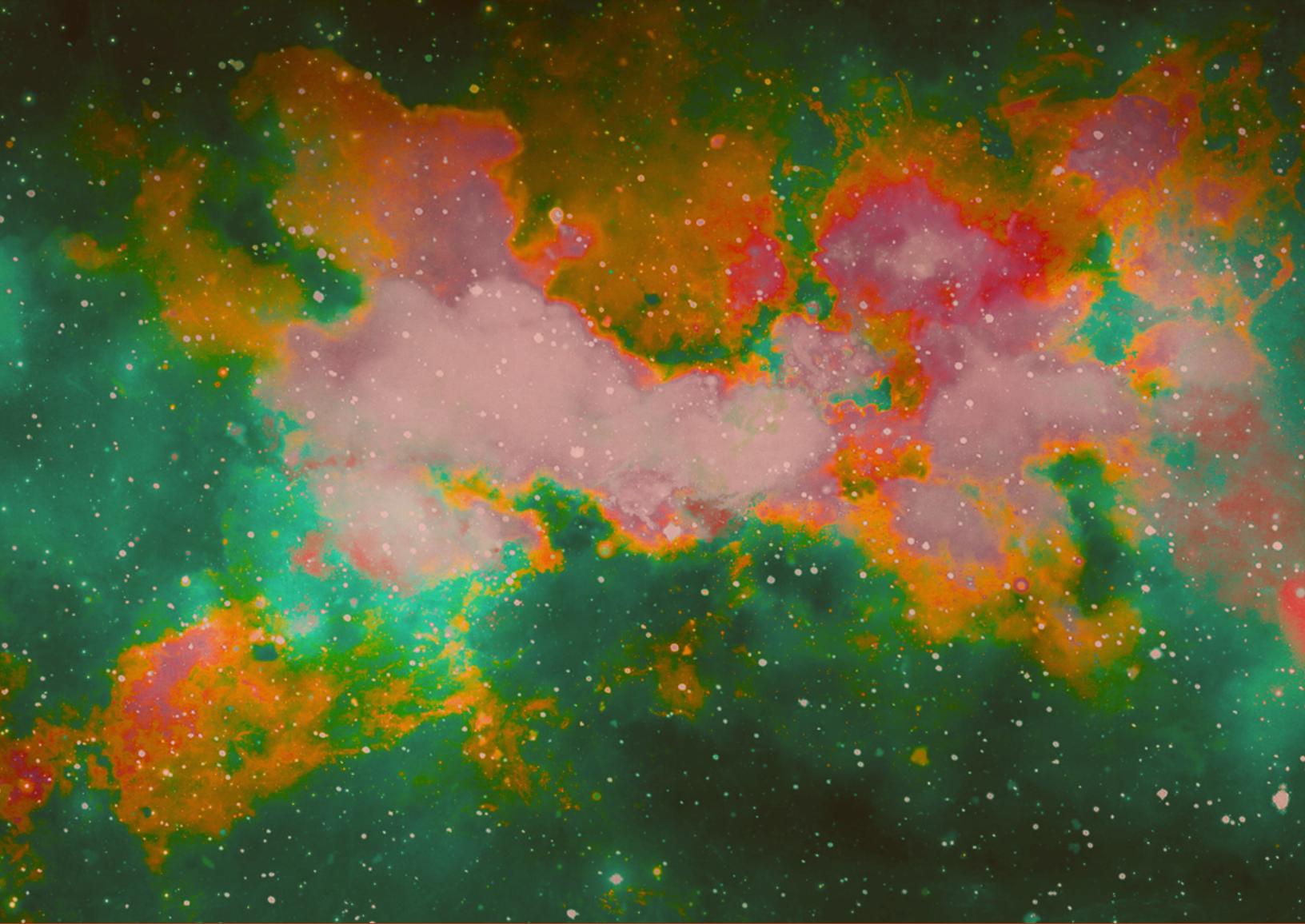




Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
10/27/25

Home Worship Guide

Attributes and Names of God

God's aseity (uh-SAY-ih-tee)

God depends on nothing and no one to exist. He wasn't created, He doesn't grow tired, and He doesn't need help.

Everything else in the world relies on something—but God relies on nothing. He is the self-existent Creator, the great “I AM” (Exodus 3:14)..

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

Read Exodus 3:1-14

Discuss

Who God is matters. In fact, it's been famously said that, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." When you think about God, what comes to mind?

For the foreseeable future, our home worship guides are going to focus on the attributes of God. Or to think of this differently, what makes God, God?

There are many characteristics we could cover, but the first I want to introduce you to is God's aseity (uh-SAY-ih-tee). I introduce this, not to wow you with a fancy word, but because I believe it rests at the heart of who our Father is. What we are communicating via this Latin word is that God depends on nothing and no one. He does not derive His being or existence from anything outside of Himself. He alone is self-existent.

Many wrestle with comprehending this truth. Which is why we start here. How incredible a gift that we are loved by the only thing in the world that depends on no thing and no one! He is the Creator that was never created.

We catch a glimpse of this in our passage today. When Moses encountered God at a burning bush, he asked a simple question. Who do I tell people you are? What is your name? God's response: I AM WHO I AM.

Who is God?

God.

He simply is.

Discussion Question

- Why do you think it's important that God doesn't need anything or anyone to exist?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Comoros is a small island nation off the east coast of Africa. The state religion is Sunni Islam, publicly sharing any other faith is a criminal act and highly illegal. Only 5% of the population, about 5,500 people, are Christian. Foreign Christians who are caught evangelizing are quickly deported while local Christians are prosecuted and imprisoned. The state only recognizes three churches in the entire country, worshipping outside of these official churches or in public will result in legal punishment. Even owning a Bible, cross, or other Christian item can result in legal and social pressure and persecution. Those who convert from Islam face imprisonment, being cast from their homes, and beatings.

About the song:

This modern worship song invites believers to gaze in awe at God's majesty and sovereign power.

Pray

Thank God for His mercy. While He doesn't need us--He calls and saves us.

Sing

Behold Our God

Sovereign Grace Music (2011)

BEHOLD OUR GOD

VERSE 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

CHORUS

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!

VERSE 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

VERSE 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!



TUESDAY

Read Job 41

Discuss

Many of us are familiar with the story of Job. Near the end of the book, we find Job questioning God. All of us have the temptation to question God's justice and wisdom when bad things happen to us. Job is really no different.

In our passage today, God responds. While there's much we could unpack one thing rings clear- God owes nothing to no one.

Think about that for a moment. Job asks a question. God's response? I don't have to give you an answer.

God is kind and merciful so that He gives us many answers in His Word. However, God is never forced to answer our questions.

This understanding should lead you and I to an even deeper love for Him. While He owes us nothing, He has given us everything!

If you've trusted on Christ, consider that for a moment. God didn't owe you mercy, love, or grace. Yet He freely gave of Himself so that you could receive it!

What did you give? Nothing. What did God give? What He didn't have to.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever felt like Job—wondering why something hard was happening?
- Why do you think God didn't give Job a direct answer to his questions?
- How should knowing that God freely gives us what we don't deserve change the way we pray or worship?

Apologetics: Have the New Testament Documents Been Corrupted?

Since the original manuscripts no longer exist, scholars use a discipline called textual criticism to reconstruct the wording of ancient documents. When numerous early manuscripts are available, the text can be restored with great accuracy. The New Testament stands far above all other works of ancient literature in both the number and the age of its manuscripts. Scholars estimate that the New Testament has been preserved with about 99.5% accuracy, and the remaining 0.5% consists of minor variations that do not affect any essential Christian doctrine.

About the song:

This classic hymn proclaims God as the believer's unshakable refuge and defense. It celebrates His power over evil and assurance of victory through Christ.

Pray

Pray for hearts that trust God's wisdom even when we don't understand His ways,

Sing

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Martin Luther (1529)

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Verse 1

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

Verse 3

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

4 That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!



WEDNESDAY

Read John 5:24-27

Discuss

Our passage today provides us with a clear picture of who Jesus is. He is unlike anyone else.

When we think of Jesus, it's easy for our minds to limit Him to his humanity. Jesus was really born, He really grew, and really physically died.

But Jesus existed before He was manifested in the flesh. As God, He tells us in today's passage that He's always been. Like the Father, He has life in Himself.

He doesn't depend on the world to be who He is---the world depends on Him.

This reality leads us to recognize that Jesus is not just a moral teacher or a good person. He is God incarnate. God given flesh.

Because Jesus is self-existent, we can rest knowing that nothing in our lives catches Him off guard or weakens His power. When our strength fails, His never does. We depend on Him for every breath, and that dependence is the safest place to be.

What is the way to eternal life? Faith in the eternal one.

Discussion Questions

- Since we don't have life in ourselves, what do we depend on God for every day?
- How does this show that Jesus isn't just a man, but truly God?
- When Jesus gives life to others, what does that tell us about His power?

Original Languages Word:

YHWH (יהוה)

YHWH is the sacred personal name of God revealed in the Old Testament, often translated as "LORD" in English Bibles.

Derived from the Hebrew verb hayah ("to be"), it expresses God's self-existence, eternity, and unchanging nature.

YHWH thus signifies the self-sufficient, ever-present, and covenant-keeping God who was, who is, and who will always be.

About the Song:

This hymn exalts the majesty and mystery of God. Written by Walter Chalmers Smith in 1867, it celebrates God's eternal nature, perfect wisdom, and unseen glory.

Pray

Pray for God to help you trust in His ways

Sing

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only
Wise*

Walter C. Smith (1867).

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Verse 1

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

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

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Verse 4

4 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.



THURSDAY

Read Psalm 121

Discuss

Life on this side of eternity is filled with toils, difficulties, and snares. It's hard. Sometimes unbearable.

Psalm 121 redirects our eyes when life gets hard. If you're like me, I like to fix things. When I face problems, I search for a personal solution. A way to remedy the pain.

Where does the Psalmist look? To the only one truly powerful enough to help. Notice the way he broadens our view of who God is. His help comes from the maker of heaven and earth.

Before heaven was, God is. The vastness of heaven, which knows no end, is made by God that's even greater than that. Our finite minds fail to comprehend the infinite God.

Yet, that is where we find our rest. And not just our rest---our assurance. Because God is so big, there is no problem outside of His sight or His care.

The psalmist's declaration? He will not let your foot slip...He watches over you.

Look to Him!

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think the psalmist "lifts his eyes to the hills"? What does that show about his focus?
- How can knowing that God never sleeps help us rest in Him?

Important Theological Term:

God's Aseity: The aseity of God is His attribute of independent self-existence. God is the uncaused Cause, the uncreated Creator. He is the source of all things, the One who originated everything and who sustains everything that exists. The aseity of God means that He is the One in whom all other things find their source, existence, and continuance. He is the ever-present Power that sustains all life. There is no other source of life and none other like Him: "For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me" (Isaiah 46:9).

About the Song:

This is a prayerful hymn asking God to be the center of one's life, thoughts, and desires. Rooted in ancient Irish poetry, it expresses wholehearted devotion

Pray

Ask God for a heart that always turns to Him

Sing

Be Thou My Vision

BE THOU MY VISION

Verse 1

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

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 dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

Verse 3

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

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



FRIDAY

Read Romans 11:33-36

Discuss

Today draws an end to our time looking at the aseity of God. Just as God has no end, our discussion of this fact could go on and on.

But how do we respond? How does the “otherness” of God practically impact our lives?

In Romans 11, Paul brings to a close what many have lauded as the greatest theological explanation for the gospel. That explanation is deeply rooted in who God is and what He has accomplished for His glory and our good.

Take a moment and read the passage again. What do you notice? Paul recognizes that God is self-sufficient and that everything originates from God---and is sustained by God.

Not only are all things sustained by God, all things exist for God. Everything.

How do we rightly respond? Worship. We do that which we were created to do. What prompts true worship? A true understanding of who God is.

As we close out this week’s attribute, let’s not do so by just learning a nerdy word. Let’s respond rightly, with worship and reverence due His name.

To Him be glory forever. Amen

Discussion Questions

- What have you learned this week about God’s aseity?
- How does that truth make you think differently about who God is?
- If everything exists for God, what does that mean for the way we live each day?

Church History:

In his *Summa Theologica*, Thomas Aquinas (13th century) taught that God alone is *ipsum esse subsistens*—“being itself.”

Unlike created things, whose existence is derived and dependent, God’s essence is existence. He does not have life; He is life. This insight shaped centuries of Christian thought, reinforcing that God is the self-sufficient source of all that is.

Later theologians, including John Calvin, echoed this truth, declaring God to be “the fountain of all being.”

About the Song:

This classic hymn ignites our minds to consider the holiness of God. It is this holiness that must become beautiful and captivating to our minds. It is this that we shall praise eternally.

Pray

Pray that the vastness of God would strengthen our worship

Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy
Reginald Heber (1826)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Verse 3:

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.



FAMILY REFORMATION PARTY

Games. Skit. Crafts



Friday, October 31st | 3-5pm



Calvary Baptist | 4451 10th Ave.

FAMILY

Thanksgiving Dinner

5:30–7:00 PM
Sunday, November 16

Register here:



"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

