



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
11/24/25

Home Worship Guide

Attributes and Names of God

The Sovereignty of God

God is BIG! He is powerful. If God is to be God, then He must be in control of all things. There is nothing that escapes the authority of God. Everything is in His hand. He sees the end of history from the beginning and has ordained all the days in between.

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 Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11

Discuss

Sovereignty is a church word we use that makes us sound smart. But what does it really mean? Well, as we think about the Sovereignty of God, author A.W. Pink tells us that it means that God is supreme, above all things, Lord of Heaven and earth, subject to none, and does as He pleases, when he pleases. To put it more simply, God is in charge and answers to no one because he is the King of all things.

Many people have stressed about this attribute of God by thinking, “If God is in charge of all parts of my life, does this mean God has made me suffer?” This is a self-centered perspective. I would encourage you to look at it from a God-centered perspective. Maybe we could think more like C.H. Spurgeon in this regard. Life will inevitably bring about hard things like when we lose a loved one, get laid off at work, or have financial hardships. A God-centered perspective would say, “God, I know you’re allowing me to go through these tough times. May this suffering bring me closer to you!”

We should look upon God’s Sovereignty as a grace to us.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it challenging to trust that God is in control when life feels chaotic or painful?

From a sermon from the Prince of Preachers, Charles H. Spurgeon, based upon Matthew 20:15, he says this about the Sovereignty of God: There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God’s sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that Sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them. There is nothing for which the children ought more earnestly to contend than the doctrine of their Master over all creation — the Kingship of God over all the works of His own hands — the Throne of God and His right to sit upon that throne . . . It is God upon the throne that we love to preach. It is God upon the throne whom we trust.

About the song:

This hymn was written in the reformation. It reminds us that God is sovereign over all the chaos and strife of this world.

Pray

Thank God for his Sovereignty.

Sing

A Mighty Fortress is our God
Martin Luther (1529)

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Verse 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:

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:

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:

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!



TUESDAY

Read Jeremiah 32:17

Discuss

Due to the Sovereignty of God, this means that God is Omnipotent. Whoa! What a word! Let's break that down. The prefix "omni" means "all" or "complete." The whole word means that God is "all-powerful." This describes how God does whatever he pleases and nothing is beyond his ability to bring about that fits within his holy and just character. Notice how I did not say that God can do anything. As the passages today speak to God being all-powerful, Scripture is also clear that there are certain things that God, in his holiness, cannot do. For instance, God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Num. 23:19) due to being completely holy and void of sinfulness.

It is important, then, to be specific when we define God's Omnipotence. He is in complete control of all things, down to the smallest detail. He directs the history of the entire world while also directing the lives of individual people like you and me. He even directs our souls, as we believe in Christ due to God appointing us to eternal life (Acts 13:48) and opening our hearts to belief (John 6:44; 65) in Christ.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it comforting that God can't do certain things—like lie or sin?
- What does it mean to you that God is in control "down to the smallest detail" of your life?

Apologetics:

A quote attributed to C.S. Lewis says, "Omnipotence means power to do all that is intrinsically possible, not to do the intrinsically impossible. You may attribute miracles to Him, but not nonsense." I like this quote for 2 reasons. First, it grounds God's miraculous events as purposeful, not nonsense. God is an all-powerful God of intentional design. Second, it establishes that God's Omnipotence is only limited to His own reality that he has ordained and created. God is always all of Himself. While he is all-powerful, he is also completely holy and logical. – And don't even think about asking me if God can create a rock too heavy for him to pick up!

About the song:

This hymn reminds us that God is truly powerful and in control of all things. This is a good thing because God is a good God. We wouldn't want anyone else in control.

Pray

That you would be sensitive to the Lord's will and that he would use you to glorify him in it.

Sing

God the Omnipotent
Alexis Lwoff (1833)

GOD THE OMNIPOTENT

Verse 1:

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Great winds Thy clarions, the lightnings Thy sword;
Show forth Thy pity on high where Thou reignest,
Give to us peace, O most merciful Lord.

Verse 2:

God the all merciful! earth hath forsaken
Thy precepts holy, and slighted Thy word;
Bid not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken;
Give to us peace, O most merciful Lord.

Verse 3:

God the all righteousness One! man hath defied Thee;
Yet to eternity standeth Thy word;
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside Thee;
Prosper the right, O most merciful Lord.

Verse 4:

So shall we render Thee thankful devotion,
For Thy deliverance from peril and sword,
Singing in chorus from ocean to ocean,
"Thine is the power and the glory, O Lord."



WEDNESDAY

Read Psalm 139

Discuss

God's sovereignty and power is universal but it is not exercised without perfect intelligence and knowledge. This should give you an idea of what it means for God to be Omniscient. It means that God is all-knowing of Himself, His creation, and history. He knows all things past, present, and future. Thus, just as his sovereignty and power is universal, so is his complete knowledge.

God's omniscience is what makes him the One who defines what is true, right, and just. He is the creator of all that is truth, as God is, in Himself, truth (John 14:6).

God's omniscience is a blessing to us because he knows us even better than we know ourselves. Psalm 139 is proof that God can be, and is always, present with us. We cannot escape Him, even in our darkest moments in life. God knows us. He wants to know us. He desires a relationship with his image bearers. This is why we should praise God for being all-knowing.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it such a good thing that God knows more than we ever will?

An interesting conundrum arises when we approach texts such as Genesis 18:20-21. Take a minute to find and read it.

Does this mean that we must call into doubt as to if God is actually all-knowing or not? Absolutely not. We should approach texts like these much like when God asks Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:9, "Where are you?" Does God really not know where they are? Did God, in Genesis 18:20-21 really not know? Of course God knows! We should see these as God being gentle and understanding toward His image bearers. In neither case does God admit to ignorance. In the later passage, he actually declares that he is gathering evidence for the indictment against Sodom and Gomorrah for judgment. Not unlike what He is doing when asking them, "Where are you?" in Genesis 3:9

About the Song:

Our God is seated on His throne. He will remain on His throne forever. He will reign forever and ever as the perfect sovereign King.

Pray

Thank him for the close relationship God wants to have with you.

Sing

Behold Our God
Sovereign Grace (2011)

BEHOLD OUR GOD

Verse1:

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!

Verse2:

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?

(Chorus)

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!



THURSDAY

Read Psalm 139

Discuss

The last of the 3 “omni” words we will study in relation to God’s Sovereignty is God’s Omnipresence. This one may be a little more obvious, omnipresent means “ever present.” God is always present with us. As the creator of time and space, He is always present at every moment in the past, present, and future. We usually connect “presence” to be connected with a person’s body, but as God is spirit (John 4:24) his presence is not limited to time or space.

Theologically, this truth is significant, as we see God’s presence affect us most directly through the person of Jesus Christ. Matthew 1:23 addresses the prophecy from Isaiah that names the infant Jesus, “Immanuel,” which means “God with us.” God, in the person of Jesus Christ, was literally physically present with humanity. Jumping to the end of Matthew 28:20b, the final words Matthew shares with us and the last recorded words that Jesus gives to his disciples before he ascends in Acts 1 are these: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus promises that the presence of God will be with his disciples as they attempt to fulfill the Great Commission and share the gospel. This theological truth is foundational and beautiful.

Discussion Questions

- Why is the name “Immanuel—God with us” so significant for understanding God’s presence?
- How comforting are Jesus’ words, “I am with you always, to the end of the age”?

Up to now, we have learned about the 3 “omni” words that fall under God’s Sovereignty: Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence. Do you see the beauty of how these three theological truths work together to expose God’s Sovereignty? God is all-powerful, thus active in directing your life. God is all-knowing and wants to know you and have a relationship with you. God is in all places at all times. He has promised to be with us, even to the end of all time as we know it. Join me in praising God for his Sovereignty!

About the Song:

This well loved hymn reminds us that the Lord is the greatest prize for our souls. We fix our eyes on Him and His beauty. He is our treasure above anything this world can offer.

Pray

That God would use you in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, thanking Him for his presence in your life.

Sing

Be Thou My Vision
Anonymous (8th century)

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

Verse 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:

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:

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 Malachi 3:6

Discuss

God is Immutable. Maybe you have never heard that before? It is a fancy way of saying that God is always God and does not change in His essence. God's essence has never, and will never, change. When God became flesh (John 1:1;14), His essence did not undergo a change. Yes, God became fully man. He also maintained all of his deity. Thus, maintaining the doctrine of immutability, as God's essence did not change, nor did Christ's mind, will, or power.

God's wisdom, love, and truth will never change. We can take great comfort in this as we never will have to guess what the truth of God is. We can know with confidence what brings God glory and what is sinful based upon the unchanging nature of God. For if God is unchanging, God's Word must be unchanging. If God's Word is unchanging, then we can walk our Christian faith with confidence.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important to know that God does not change in His essence?
- How does the idea that God became fully human without changing His divine essence deepen your understanding of Jesus?
- How does knowing God's character never changes affect the way you approach prayer or obedience?

Read these passages in light of God's Immutability:

Numbers 23:19

Psalm 33:11

Ecclesiastes 3:14

James 1:17

Hebrews 13:8

Hebrews 6:17-18

Romans 11:29

About the Song:

How many reasons can you think of to praise God? An infinite God has infinite reasons to praise His name, but maybe 10,000 reasons is a good start.

Pray

Thank God for never changing the definition of truth, which is himself.

Sing

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1:

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Verse 2:

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

[Refrain]





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8:30 & 11:00am

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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

