



**Calvary  
Baptist Church**

**For the week of:  
1/11/26**

# Home Worship Guide

**Attributes and Names of God**

**The Holiness of God**

God is Holy. That means he is set apart from us and everything else. He is “other” than us. He is without defect and is completely righteous. It is because of the holiness of Christ that we even get the opportunity to experience eternal life with the Triune God. It is because of God’s holiness that makes him worthy of worship.

# 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

Holiness separates God from us

Read Isaiah 6:1-4

These verses depict a vision that Isaiah is seeing, almost as if the heavens have opened up to show him just a glimpse of the majesty of Heaven. He reports seeing the Lord on a throne, much like a centerpiece to the vision he is having. This throne is high and lifted up! His robe is depicted as filling the space. In ancient days, the clothing of someone would represent the level of honor that they are due. With the Lord's robes filling the space, the scene shows how truly magnificent he is. The angels can't even show their faces as they stand before the Lord, his glory and majesty are just too much to handle. But more important than the Lord's morning coat, or the seraphim's mode is the angels' message. "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts...!" This is the angels' cry as they worship the One True God. They could have said anything, but this was their message. Why is it that this is the one and only attribute of God that is emphasized thrice? The repetition of a message is a Jewish literary mechanic that allows them to emphasize a message that is important or set apart. What Isaiah is communicating to us here is this: God is the most holy and because of this he is to be worshipped and praised. No one is holy like our God. Let us praise the LORD today!

## Discussion Question

- How should God's holiness influence the way we worship?

Consider this excerpt from the book *Holiness of God* by R.C. Sproul.

*How we understand the person and character of God the Father affects every aspect of our lives. It affects far more than what we normally call the "religious" aspects of our lives. If God is the Creator of the entire universe, then it must follow that He is the Lord of the whole universe. No part of the world is outside of His lordship. That means that no part of my life must be outside of His lordship. His holy character has something to say about economics, politics, athletics, romance—everything with which we are involved.*

Based upon this thought, what does God's holy character have to say about your life? How can His holiness change your life today?

**Pray**  
Ask that God make you more like him. Praise his holiness!

**Sing**  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Reginald Heber (words, 1826)  
John B. Dykes (music, 1861)

# 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.



# TUESDAY

## Traumatic Holiness

### Read Isaiah 6:5-7

“The holiness of God is traumatic to an unholy people.” R.C. Sproul

As we go from the first 4 verses to this next cluster, we experience a dramatic change in tone. Yesterday we saw how God’s magnificent holiness makes him worthy of worship. Isaiah quickly goes to an Oracle of Woe. Isaiah is recognizing that God’s holiness reveals his own impurity, represented by his “unclean lips” and the unclean lips of the people with which he dwells. His sinful lips are then purified by the hot coal that is so hot that the angel who carries it must hold it with tongs. God’s holiness is such that it reveals our own sinfulness and we must confess, believe, and repent from our sinfulness that separates us from God’s perfect holiness.

There is a unique distinction between those in Scripture who recognize their separation from God due to his holiness and those who arrogantly respond to God’s holiness. Compare with me Isaiah’s posture of worship and honor to God and the unrepentant Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5, where they lied to the Holy Spirit. Isaiah conveys an honor for God’s Holiness, while Ananias and Sapphira convey selfishness and pride.

### Discussion Question

- How should God’s holiness influence the way we understand our own sin?

“Everybody makes mistakes.” Have you ever heard this? Or how about my favorite, “Everyone gets one mistake.” Maybe you’ve heard, “Nobody’s perfect!” These are all things that we tell ourselves to make us feel better about our sin. We use these phrases as a cop-out to allow ourselves a “get out of jail, free” card. How about we edit these phrases a bit, in light of today’s devotional? Let’s try this: “Everyone makes mistakes, that’s why everyone needs Jesus.” How about this: “One mistake is enough to separate us from our Holy God.” We can always say, “Nobody’s perfect, except Christ!”

#### Think about:

Let us not whisk away our sin with these pithy phrases. Let us, like Isaiah, cry out to the Lord for forgiveness. For God is good to us in that he will respond with forgiveness.

Pray  
Cry out to the Lord for  
Forgiveness

Sing  
*His Mercy is More*  
Matt Boswell & Matt Papa  
(2016)

# HIS MERCY IS MORE

## **Chorus:**

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

## **Verse 1:**

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

## **Verse 2:**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

## **Verse 3:**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more



# WEDNESDAY

## Holiness and Justice

### Leviticus 10:1-3

The deaths of Nadab and Abihu are sudden and leave us with questions like, “What did they do to deserve death?” Well, what they did was offer unauthorized fire unto the Lord. In other words, they did not follow the orders of the Lord on keeping the place of God, which houses the Lord’s holy presence, a holy place. Aaron even speaks of how there will be no drinking wine when entering the tent of meeting, possibly because this was the very offence of Nadab and Abihu.

When we read stories like this one, we can view them from the perspective that God is mad at us when we sin, and that’s why he must punish sin. That’s not it, though. You see, God isn’t mad, he’s holy. His holiness makes him just. His justice means he’s got to punish sin. We connect “punishment” with “anger” because of our negative experiences with it. Maybe it is because of a father or mother who sinfully dealt with their punishment of your sin, which gave you a perspective on punishment being done out of anger rather than out of a holy character. God’s holiness has a direct link with his Justice. Because God is holy, he must also be just.

## Discussion Questions

- What does this passage, in light of God’s holiness, teach us about the importance of obedience, reverence, and self-control in worship?
- How can we cultivate a deeper reverence for God’s holiness?

*The bow of God’s wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow, and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise of obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood.*

-Jonathan Edwards

It is quotes like this from Jonathan Edwards’s famous sermon, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* that can confuse us so. But even embedded within, there is hope. Although God may be described as angry, God’s anger is always holy, just, and merciful. God, in his mercy, “keeps the arrow one moment” from its judgemental destination.

### About the below hymn:

The origin of this hymn is based in Jacob’s vision of a ladder to heaven (Gensis 28). The lyrics use Jacob’s ladder as a metaphor for spiritual ascent.

### Pray

Thank God for his justice and holiness and ask for God to cleanse you so that you would be used for His glory.

### Sing

*Nearer My God to Thee*  
Sarah Flower (1841)

# NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

## **Verse 1:**

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
    still all my song shall be,  
    nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

## **Verse 2:**

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
    yet in my dreams I'd be  
    nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

## **Verse 3:**

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,  
    out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
    so by my woes to be  
    nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

## **Verse 5:**

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,  
    still all my song shall be,  
    nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!



# THURSDAY

## Christ's Holiness

Mark 1:21-26

There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. I can know what a hammer is, but knowing when and how to use it takes wisdom. If I'm trying to clean a window, a hammer would just make a mess to clean up. Knowing the truth is one thing, but doing something with and about that truth is an entirely different thing; that is wisdom.

In this passage, we see a man with a demon. That demon provokes the man to claim very true statements about Jesus. Not the least of these claims is calling Jesus by a high and lofty title: the Holy One of God. Jesus responds in a peculiar way by rebuking him and demanding that he be silent. I wonder why? I think it is because the demon had the knowledge of truth but did not have the wisdom to worship the Holy One of God. Jesus, as the Holy One of God, deserves all glory, honor, and praise from all creation. If you don't give him that, he will silence you.

## Discussion Questions

- How can you worship Christ as the Holy One of God?

The Apostle Peter, in the book of Acts, takes the aforementioned title to another level. He calls Jesus in Acts 3:14-15 "the Holy and Righteous One" and "the Author of life." Christ is holy, meaning he is set apart due to his righteousness. Christ is righteous, meaning he is completely without sin. Christ is also the Author of life, meaning that all life has value because it comes from the One, True, Holy Son of God. We have every reason to praise Jesus today!

### About the below hymn:

This hymn was written in the 1970s by Bill and Gloria Gaither. Although a very simple hymn, it drips with biblical and spiritual truth as it depicts Jesus as Master, Savior, and our source of peace.

### Pray

Praise Jesus as the Holy One of God, the Righteous One, and the Author of life.

### Sing

*There's Something About That Name*

Bill & Gloria Gath (1970s)

# THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

## Verse 1:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;  
there's just something about that name  
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away  
But there's something about that name  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away  
But there's something about that name



# FRIDAY

## Called to Holiness

### 1 Peter 1:14-16

We've talked a lot about God's holiness this week. Now it is time to think hard about how God's holiness is a calling on our life. In this passage, we learn from Peter that there is an expectation on all believers to fight the sinful desires of our hearts so that we live obedient lives for the Lord. These obedient lives are void of sin and, thereby, are holy lives. Why should we live holy lives? Well, Peter also tells us that we live these holy lives because God is holy. We are to be holy, for He is holy.

That's hard! So hard, in fact, that living a holy, sinless life is not something we can actually do. This is why we need Jesus. As we learned yesterday, Jesus imputes his righteousness to us so that we can stand unashamed before God. The first step, then, in living a holy life is to repent from your sins and have faith in Jesus Christ.

## Discussion Questions

- Can you admit that you're a sinner?
- Do you believe that Jesus was raised from the dead?
- Is Jesus your Lord?

Romans 12:10 tells us that "none is righteous, no not one." This means you, me, pastors, teachers, and everyone else you know. This has been true since the fall of Adam in Genesis 3. We went from a right relationship with God to a damaged relationship. A price needs to be paid to make us right with God again. In the Old Testament, they sacrificed animals for sin because it was the life blood that satisfied that payment that needed paid. This payment of blood was called a "Justification." In the New Testament, Jesus is called the "Lamb of God" (John 1:29). Now, the blood of Jesus is our justification for our sin that separates us from God.

### About the below hymn:

Written just before his death, there was no music to this poem. Tragically dying at his wife's side in a train accident, James McGranahan honored Philip P. Bliss by adding the timeless melody of these beautifully, biblical words.

### Pray

Repent and believe in the Redeemer! Praise God for the provision of justification!

### Sing

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*  
Philip P. Bliss (words, 1876)  
James McGranahan (music, 1976)

# I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

## **Verse 1:**

I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.

## **Chorus:**

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.

## **Verse 2:**

I will tell the wondrous story,  
how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave.

## **Verse 3:**

I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
his triumphant power I'll tell:  
how the victory he gives me  
over sin and death and hell.



# HAPPY 2026 New Year

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the new  
has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

# CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



**Worship**

8:30 & 11:00am

**Sunday School**

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

