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Dear Parent,



Every Christian parent wants to raise families who will grow up to love and trust Jesus. Parents deliberately search for the church that provides the most opportunities for their families to grow up in the Lord. We want Sovereign King Church to be that church!

We must not, however, neglect our homes—where our families see our faith on real-time display every day. According to the Bible, we parents have the primary responsibility for teaching our families about God. His word must be prominent in our conversation and daily life with our kids. Training our families in godliness is not something that we can put off until they're older.

In Deuteronomy 6:4-9, we read:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

The call to training our families in godliness is comprehensive. To summarize this passage, it is saying we, parents, have responsibility to teach our families during mealtime, drive time, bedtime, in the morning- the whole day through. The elders at Sovereign King Church recognize that we have a responsibility as a church to walk alongside parents as they train their families in godliness. We want to equip parents to pray and plan for the spiritual development of their families. We want to encourage you to begin to have a time of family worship throughout the week. In this guide, you will find out what family worship is and how to do it. It contains weekly bible readings, catechism questions, things to pray for, and song suggestions. It is our prayer that it will help you establish a family tradition that will bless you, your children, and generations yet to come.

WHAT IS FAMILY WORSHIP?

Family worship should be a priority in your home because the home is the training ground for biblical formation in the lives of your children. It is the responsibility of parents, and primarily of fathers, to provide Christian instruction in the home for the purpose of raising your children to know and fear the Lord.

Family worship is simply taking time as a family to worship God at home in a family setting. When a family gathers together at home for prayer, Bible reading, and turning their hearts to the Lord - that is family worship. It is also called family devotions. Unfortunately, few Christian adults today grew up in homes that practiced family worship. You may not have had this modeled for you growing up, and if you are like most Christian families today this has not been a regular part of your life.

There is good news! It is never too late to begin family worship - with teenagers, or with grandchildren. It is OK to start slowly. "Do not despise the day of small beginnings."

What should you do during Family Worship?

Keep it simple.

You don't have to replicate a church service. Simple consistency is far better than trying something complicated which you will give up. Remember, you will fail and have times where family worship is a struggle. Don't give up. Just ask God to help!

Consider including the following elements together during your family worship:

Read: Read a portion of the Bible together. If you have children who are old enough to read you can have them read aloud. Of course, you will want to help with any big words or concepts.

Discuss: After reading the Bible together, work through a simple process of examining what has been read. First, what did the passage say to the original readers? Second, what does the passage mean for all time? Third, how does this passage apply to us as individuals and as a family? You will want to ask questions and get everyone to participate in the discussion.

Sing: Yikes! Did you say singing? One of the ways that God invites us to worship Him is by singing. If your children are younger, and you are enthusiastic about it, they will love it, and you will lay the groundwork for singing in your family for generations to come. If your kids are all teenagers, and you have never tried singing together as a family, you may want to try this in a few months - after family worship has taken root. It can be helpful to use worship CDs or DVDs. Youtube.com works as well. We have a link to a family worship playlist at www.sellersburgkids.com

Catechism: It's a funny word but it just means question and answers. Christians throughout history have memorized catechism questions and answers to help learn the basics of the faith. In this guide we will include catechism questions for you to work on with your family. Every Sunday we will have a time to work on them together as a church.

Pray: End your family worship time with prayer. Let prayer become an important part of your home. Pray for your neighbors, your community, the nation, and the world.



September 5th– 11th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 13:1-17](#)

[Isaiah 65](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Ephesians 2:1-5](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 39. What is a change of heart called?
A. Regeneration.

Q. 40. Who can change a sinner's heart?
A. The Holy Spirit alone.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Christ Church Columbus](#)
Pastor Andrew Halsey

Ministry: Family Ministry Team

Magistrate: [Indiana State Police](#)

Song Suggestion

[Fullness of Time](#)
[Fairest Lord Jesus](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

In Isaiah 65, the prophet begins his final prophesy in which he reminds the people why they were taken off into captivity and calls them to repentance. He speaks of God's mercy in bringing them back from captivity and in doing so is pointing to Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of all promises. The way the Old Testament points to Jesus is often called a mystery in the New Testament.

Who doesn't love a good mystery? In this case, the mystery of Christ is revealed to his people in the New Testament and by the Holy Spirit. It is a mystery to which we have all the clues and the final answer.

In Matthew, Jesus begins to speak in parables. This again is a revealing of a mystery to God's people and yet a hiding of it from those who would refuse to have faith. Parables teach God's people His truth while obscuring the truth from those who refuse to believe.

Teach your children that we must have faith in Christ and when we read scripture we must do so with a faith willing to receive.

Catechism

The gospel is so often overlooked in Christian homes. Why? Because it is assumed. Don't assume it but constantly remind your children that salvation is from God. These catechism questions teach us that we must have the Holy Spirit or we die.

People to Pray for:

This week we are praying for a new church plant in Columbus Indiana. Please pray for pastor Andrew Halsey that God would bless the work of starting a new church.

September 12th-18th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23](#)

[Isaiah 65](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Ephesians 2:1-6](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 41. Can any one be saved through the covenant of works?

A. None can be saved through the covenant of works.

Q. 42. Why can none be saved through the covenant of works?

A. Because all have broken it, and are condemned by it

People to Pray for:

Church: [1st Presbyterian Church Jasper](#)

Pastor Joe Helt

Ministry: Worship Team

Magistrate: [County Commissioner Jack Coffman](#)

Song Suggestion:

[Bringing in the Sheaves](#)

[Psalm 1 Night and Day](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

This week we will be looking at the Parable of the Sower. You could get creative during your teaching time by getting some leftover seeds and throwing a few on the floor. Ask the kids if the seeds will grow. Explain to them what is required for plants to grow. Then explain the parable of the sower. God's word needs to find fertile ground in our hearts.

Catechism Questions

The covenant of works is the covenant that God made with Adam in the garden. If Adam obeyed God, He would have life. If He disobeyed He would receive death. Because Adam is our Head and representative we too come under the consequence of the covenant. Our questions teach us that no one can be saved by good works. Adam broke the covenant and we broke it in him. We also continue to break it in our life. We need a different covenant, one which can give sinners like us life.

People to Pray for:

Pastor Joe Helt is working to revitalize 1st Presbyterian Church in Jasper. They are considered a mission church of Evangelical Presbyterian. It's like a replant. Pray that Pastor Joe will find fertile ground.

Song Selection:

John Adams has put together a couple of playlists for our church of the songs and psalms what we sing.

[Here is the Hymn playlist](#)

[Here is the Psalm playlist](#)

Both of our songs this week come from passages of the Psalms.

September 19th-25th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 13:24-52](#)

[Jude](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Ephesians 2:1-7](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 43. With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace?

A. With Christ, his eternal Son.

Q. 44. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?

A. His elect people.

Q. 45. What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?

A. To keep the whole law for his people, and to suffer the punishment due to their sins.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Church of the King Evansville](#)

Pastor Jake Mentzel

Ministry: Building Committee

Magistrate: [County Commissioner Connie Sellers](#)

Song Suggestion:

[Build your Kingdom Here](#)

[O Worship the King](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

The book of Jude warns us against false teachers who would lead us astray into lawlessness. We must avoid them.

In Matthew, we see several parables that speak to the Kingdom of Christ. They teach us three important truths.

1. The Kingdom will grow until it fills the earth.
2. There will be false converts who will test the Church as it grows.
3. Being genuinely apart of the Kingdom is worthy anything we would sacrifice.

Catechism Questions

If we cannot be saved by the covenant of works, we need another. The Covenant of Grace is this covenant. Just as the Covenant of works was made with a representative, Adam, this covenant is made with a new head, Christ.

Church History Profile:

Theodore of Tarsus 602 – 19 September 690

Psalm 92:14 They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green,

When the pagan Anglo-Saxons invaded England, they drove the native Celtic inhabitants north into Scotland and west into Ireland, Wales, and Cornwall. The Anglo-Saxons were subsequently converted to Christianity by Celtic missionaries from the north and west, and Roman and Gallic missionaries from the south and east. As a result, they ended up with two different "flavors" of Christianity. The difference was expressed mainly in the form of a disagreement about the proper method for calculating the date of Easter, a disagreement which we may suspect was a stand-in for other disagreements a little more difficult to articulate.

A man named Wighard was appointed to be leader of the church in England but he died on his trip to meet with leaders in Rome. It was there a man Hadrian was asked to go to England to do the work but he refused instead asking for someone else. Finally, after almost no one would take the position, Theodore of Tarsus, a man who lived through military conflict in the east and was almost 70 years old agreed to go to England. This surprising choice was used by God to unite the Church in England. He instituted many reforms and established a school to train ministers which led to what is often called the golden age of Anglo-Saxon scholarship. Even all these years later, his influence is still felt in the churches that developed from the British isles including the Anglican and Presbyterian churches.

September 26th– Oct 2nd

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 13:53-58](#)

[Colossians 1](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 49. What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?

A. To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.

Q. 50. What is justification?

A. It is God's forgiving sinners, and treating them as if they had never sinned.

Q. 51. What is sanctification?

A. It is God's making sinners holy in heart and conduct.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Clearnote Church Indy](#)

Pastor David Abu-sara

Ministry: Building Committee

Magistrate: [County Commissioner Bryan Glover](#)

Song Suggestion

[O God of Earth and Alter](#)

[Psalm 127](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

The book of Colossians was written to the Church in Colossae. This Church was not one that Paul knew personally. It was planted by other ministers. Yet the Apostle Paul still had a deep concern for the Church. The Apostle Paul wanted the Church to stand firm under persecution and not fall to the vain teaching of those who say the gentiles must first become Jews. Instead, in this book Paul teaches that Christians have no need to be circumcised because they have been baptized. They are a part of God's household through Christ.

In Matthew, we see more evidence that the Jews did not receive Christ. Those closest to Him should have been first to receive Him but they lacked faith. May we constantly warn our household that its not their physical or natural proximity to us that will save them. They must have faith.

Catechism Questions

All three persons of the Trinity work for our salvation. Our Heavenly Father justifies us and sanctifies us by the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Here is an easy saying that can help you remember what justification and sanctification are:
Justify -Just as If I had never sinned.
Sanctify-Saint if I am made holy.

The difference between Justification and Sanctification is that in Justification it is by Christ's righteous alone that I am declared righteous. In sanctification, I in faith am made to be what I have been declared.

A Prayer

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

On Family Worship

Duet. 6:1-9 (NASB 1995)

¹“Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, ² so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ³ O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey... ⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

In this passage, men are commanded to lead their homes in such a way that “you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God.” Fathers are commanded to “teach [God’s law] diligently to your sons 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 up.” But what exactly does that look like?

Several years ago I read a sermon of Jonathan Edward’s from 1709 titled, “A Church in the House: A Sermon Concerning Family Religion.” This sermon revolutionized the way that I viewed my role as the leader of my home. In this sermon he explained that men are called to be masters of their families. This is a concept that, sadly, had been foreign to me up until that point.

Ideally, scripture commands us men to lead and teach our families. Psalm 78:5-7 teaches us that:

“He established a testimony in Jacob
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers
That they should teach them to their children,
That the generation to come might know, *even* the
children *yet* to be born,
That they may arise and tell *them* to their children,
That they should put their confidence in God
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments,”

By Greg Anglen

This is not, however, to neglect the role of a mother as well. King Solomon, while instructing his son in Proverbs 1:8, reminds him to, “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching,”

In the absence of a man in the home, or during his temporary absence, women must step up to fill the role. King Lemuel, in Prov. 31:1, shares “an oracle that his mother taught him.” Paul, in 2 Timothy 1:5, recalls Timothy’s “sincere faith... which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well..”

In the home, there should be no excuses, we simply must do our best to teach our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. This should not feel like a task, rather, it should be our pleasure!

In doing so, fathers, we are working towards the monumental tasks of prepare our children for life—for social interactions with others, for adulthood, and most importantly, for eternity! Have we forgotten that we are made for eternity? Why then do we put so much emphasis on here and now and neglect the most important form of training, preparing our children for eternity?

Henry proclaims that every house should be a little church, but what does that look like? Consider the basic elements of your own quiet time (prayer, praise, confession, fasting, etc.). Use one, two, or all of these elements as you lead your family in worship.

CONFESSION—Confess family and personal sin

PRAISE—Share and sing

PRAYER—Pray with your children and let them hear you pray

FASTING—Discuss and execute a family fast

CATECHISM—Questions and answers to teach biblical theology

SCRIPTURE—Spend time in the Word together

This is not a prescriptive list, it is not as though you **MUST** do all of these things or else you have failed... but we must be doing something!

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On Family Worship continued...

Henry goes on to say, "If you have not a church in your house, it is to be feared that Satan will have a seat there. If religion does not rule in your families, sin and wickedness will rule there." He further drives home the point, "It is commonly said that where God has a church, the Devil will have his chapel; but it may more truly be said in this way: where God has not a church, the Devil WILL have his chapel." He explains that your home will either be a "Bethel" (which is a house of God) or a "Bethhaven" (which is a house of vanity and iniquity)

Remember Nehemiah as he lead the Israelites in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem? He instructed the people of God to work on the repairs to the wall in front of *their own home*. In doing so, they completed the wall in record time! Imagine what kind of transformation could take place if we all focused, similarly, on effecting change in our own homes!

Men, can we proclaim that we will stand with the fortitude of Joshua? Joshua, having lived in the promised land for a long time, saw many fall victim to worldly ways. This led him to ultimately proclaim in Joshua 24:15 "...choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Who will your house serve?

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE.



WHO IS SPEAKING?

WORDS YOU HEARD BUT DON'T KNOW...



WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

BOOK:

CHAPTER:

VERSE:

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

WHICH SONG FROM TODAY'S SERVICE IS YOUR FAVORITE AND WHY?

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING THAT YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON OR IN A SONG TODAY.



FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW WHILE IN SERVICE AND THEN, ON THE WAY HOME, TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU HEARD AND THE NOTES YOU WROTE DOWN.

★ I HEARD _____


_____ TODAY
BUT WAS CONFUSED OR HAD A HARD TIME BELIEVING IT.



HEARING AND BELIEVING THAT GOD IS _____

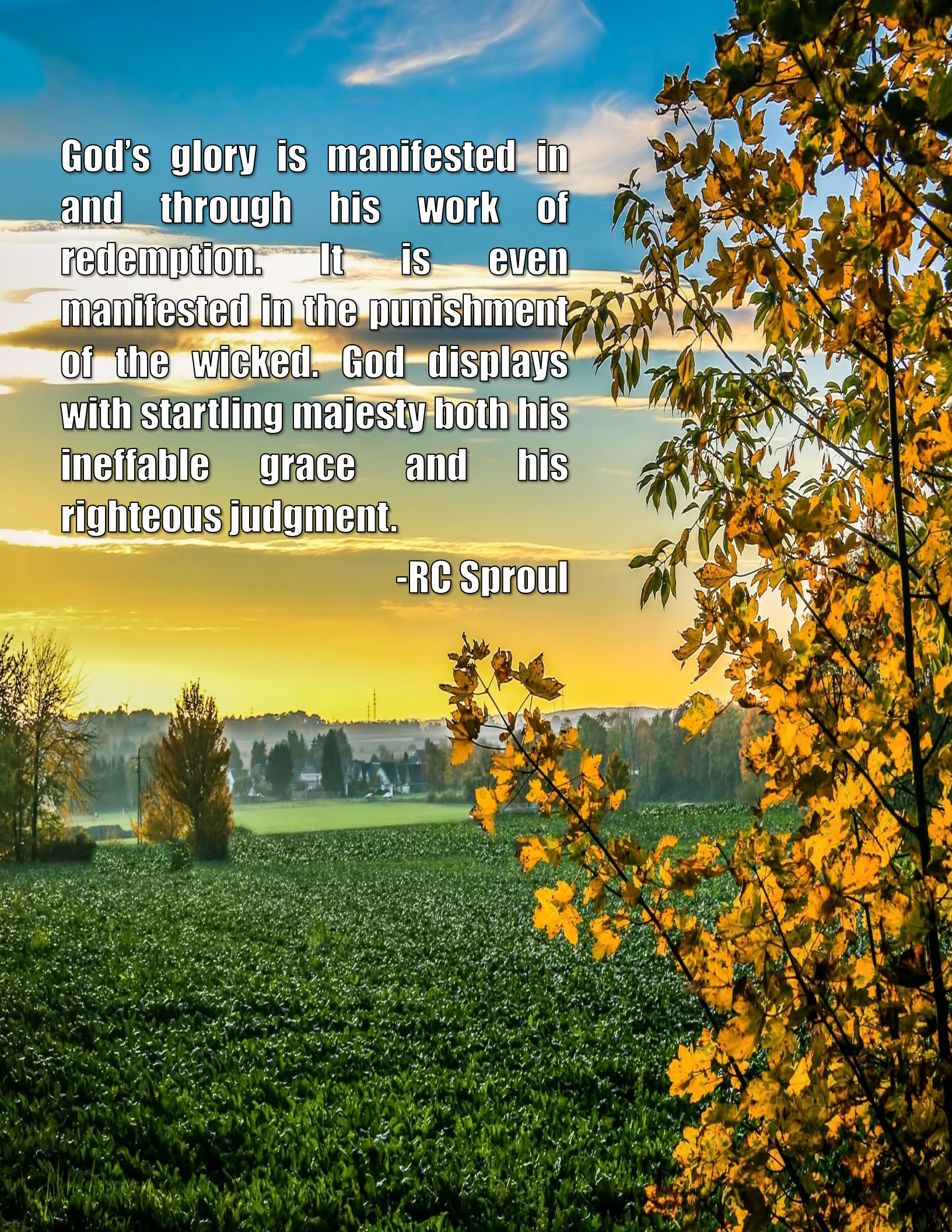
CHANGES THE WAY I _____



SEPTEMBER 

* -TO DO- *





God's glory is manifested in
and through his work of
redemption. It is even
manifested in the punishment
of the wicked. God displays
with startling majesty both his
ineffable grace and his
righteous judgment.

-RC Sproul