



Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2 Psalm

Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Give me understanding, and I will keep your law;
I will observe it with all my heart.
Guide me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight to walk in it.
Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
revive me in your ways.
Carry out for your servant your promise
that you made to those who honor you.
See, I have longed for your instructions;
revive me in your righteousness.
Psalm 119:33-35, 37, 38, 40

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Hymns

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (page 5)
The Law of God Is Good and Wise (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS
Church Letters

1 Thessalonians

Summary Statement
Paul writes about living for the return of Jesus
Outline
I. Reflections on a Church's Past Growth (1-3)
II. Instructions for a Church's Continued Growth (4-5)

Key Verses
1:3; 4:16-17; 5:16-18

2 Thessalonians

Summary Statement
Paul writes about the coming day of the Lord
Outline
I. Encouragement for the Stressed (1)
II. Explanation for the Confused (2)
III. Exhortation for the Lazy (3)

Key Verses
2:16-17; 3:10

Daily Readings

Su	1Th 1:1-10	1Th 2:1-13
Mo	1Th 2:14-3:5	1Th 3:6-13
Tu	1Th 4:1-12	1Th 4:13-18
We	1Th 5:1-11	1Th 5:12-28
Th	2Th 1:1-4	2Th 1:5-12
Fr	2Th 2:1-12	2Th 2:13-17
Sa	2Th 3:1-5	2Th 3:6-18



BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Teachings

Luke 18:9-14 ★

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector



- Who did Jesus speak this parable to? (18:9)
- Who did the Pharisee pray to? (18:11)
- What was the tax collector's prayer? (18:13)
- How did the tax collector leave the temple? (18:14)

Matthew 20:1-16

The Vineyard Workers



- How much did the workers agree to work for? (20:2)
- Why did others at the eleventh hour say they had been standing idle all day? (20:6-7)
- What did the first workers expect to receive when they saw that those hired at the eleventh hour received a denarius? (20:10)
- Why did the owner say the workers were envious? (20:15)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

Matthew 25:14-30 ★

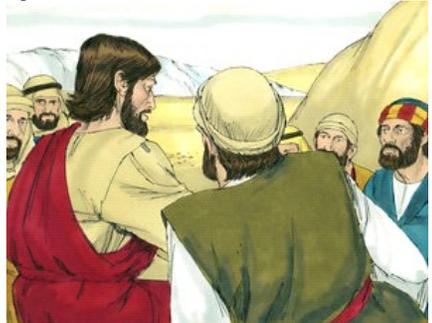
The Talents



- How many talents did the master entrust to his three servants? (25:15)
- What was the servant with five talents able to produce? (25:16)
- What did the third servant do with his one talent? (25:18)
- What did the master call the first and second servant who increased their talents? (25:21)
- What did the master call the third servant? (25:26)

Matthew 25:31-46

The Sheep and the Goats



- Where will the Son of Man sit when He comes in his glory? (25:31)
- How will the Son of Man separate the people? (25:33)
- Who were those on His right hand really serving? (25:40)
- Where did the Son of Man send those on his left hand? (25:41)

For application: IDEA What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



BIBLE TEACHINGS

Ten Commandments

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Conclusion to the Commandments

What does God say about all of these commandments?

He says, "I, The Lord your God, am a jealous God. I punish the ancestors' wickedness by bringing punishment on the descendants, to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me. But I show covenant faithfulness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not do anything contrary to these commandments. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should also love and trust in Him, and gladly follow His commandments.

52. What does God promise to all who keep His commandments?

Grace and every blessing

Deuteronomy 5:29; James 1:25; 1 Timothy 4:8

Conclusion of the Commandments

49. Why does God call Himself a "jealous God"?

God will not share our fear, love, and trust with idols

Isaiah 42:8; Ezekiel 6:9; James 4:12

50. What does God threaten to all who break His commandments?

Punishment

Leviticus 26:18; Isaiah 57:21; Matthew 10:28; 25:41; Romans 1:18; 6:23; Galatians 3:10

51. Why does God threaten the children to the third and fourth generation?

If they continue the sins of their parents, they will suffer the same punishment

Ezekiel 18:4, 20

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5 Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6 Prayers

Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.



O Lord God Almighty, who endues Your servants with diverse and singular gifts of the Holy Spirit: Leave us not destitute of Your manifold gifts, yet of grace to use them always to Your honor and glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O Almighty and Everlasting God, graciously direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Your laws, and in the works of Your commandments, that, through Your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OR

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1. Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your life - blood as the
 2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly, free - ly of Your
 3. Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our hum - blest char - i -
 4. Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your life - blood as the

price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones That tre - men - dous
 own. With the sun - shine of Your good - ness Melt our thank - less
 ty In Your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have done it
 price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones That tre - men - dous

sac - ri - fice; And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 hearts of stone Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 all for Me." Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful and the
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your poor and
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of all Your

e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.



The Law of God Is Good and Wise



1. The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will be - fore our eyes, Shows
2. Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge of our sin - ful hearts That
3. To those who help in Christ have found And would in works of love a - bound It
4. But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall then in sin re - main; Its



us the way of righ - teous - ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
we may see our lost es - tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
shows what deeds are His de - light And should be done as good and right.
ter - ror in their ear re - sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5. The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.

6. To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.