

Meditation

On the Commandments of God

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;

C: then I will keep them to the end.

Psalm 119:33

P: Direct me in the path of your commands;

C: for there I find delight.

Psalm 119:35

P: How I long for your precepts!

C: Preserve my life in your righteousness.

Psalm 119:40

PRAYER

P: Lord God, you are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Fill us with the peace of your forgiveness so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN – “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

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God’s Pattern for Life . . . With Him

The First Commandment

All: You shall have no other gods before me.

P: Jesus said: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

C: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

The Second Commandment

All: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

P: Jesus said: "Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool. . . Let your 'yes' be 'yes', and your 'no', 'no'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

C: We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

The Third Commandment

All: Remember God's day by keeping it holy.

P: Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

God's Pattern for Life . . . With Others

The Fourth Commandment

All: Honor your father and your mother.

P: As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord.

C: As parents and Christians we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The Fifth Commandment

All: You shall not murder.

P: Jesus said: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

C: We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

The Sixth Commandment

All: You shall not commit adultery.

P: Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

C: We are not our own; we were bought at a price. Therefore we will honor God with our body.

The Seventh Commandment

All: You shall not steal.

P: Jesus said: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery. . . theft . . . These are what make a person 'unclean'."

C: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

The Eighth Commandment

All: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

P: Jesus said: "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks . . . For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

C: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

All: You shall not covet.

P: Jesus said: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

C: We will be content whatever our circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.

The Summary and Absolution

P: The second part of the law is similar to the first.

C: We must love our neighbor as ourselves.

SONG OF PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre - a - tion,
I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my call - ing!



The God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of our sal - va - tion!
For death he gave me life in - deed And kept my feet from fall - ing.



With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row
For this my thanks shall end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with



still-- To God all praise and glo - ry!
me-- To God all praise and glo - ry!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

James 3:1-12 – Bridling the beast in your body

¹Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

²We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

⁵Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man,

⁸but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

¹²My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

VERSE OF THE DAY

ALL: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

Romans 15:4

Mark 8:27-35 – Jesus speaks of his impending death

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." ³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

SERMON HYMN - "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

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PRACTICALCHRISTIANITY
A Study of James

Bridling the Beast in Your Body
based on James 3:1-12 on page four

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Lord God Almighty, we stand in violation of your holy will.

C: There is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalm 14:3

P: In mercy, you sent your Son, the Passover Lamb without blemish, to atone for our sins.

C: This is the name by which he is called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:6

P: Teach our hearts to praise you for your saving love.

C: Lead us to fear, love, and trust in you above all things.

P: You have taught us to pray:

ALL: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S SUPPER

*Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SING:

Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as he died;

To walk up - on this guilt - y sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
The hum - ble King they named a fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.

O wash me in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
O wash me in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SING:

**I was so lost; I should have died, But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

DISTRIBUTION AND MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

CLOSING HYMN – “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

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