

Devotional for Each Day of the Week

Sunday: ““They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.””—Hosea 3:5b. **Praise God** for His goodness. **Pray** for Belle Center (O.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, pastored by Phil Pockras; pray for strength for him and his wife, and for those in the congregation with health issues; pray for growth in grace and in numbers.

Monday: ““There is no truth or mercy or knowledge of God in the land.””—Hosea 4:1b. **Pray** that truth, mercy, and knowledge of God would flood our land. **Pray** for the new babies in the Cullybackey Reformed Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland; **pray** that they would be raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Tuesday: ““By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed upon bloodshed.””—Hosea 4:2. **Pray** that our land would repent of dishonesty, murder, and adultery. **Pray** for the young people in the Kasumigaoka Reformed Presbyterian Church in Japan, that they’d be encouraged in the faith.

Wednesday: ““Therefore the land will mourn; and everyone who dwells there will waste away.””—Hosea 4:3a. **Pray** that God would yet spare our land from punishment. **Pray** for Rev. and Mrs. Andre Pickens, as he has been called as pastor of the Selma (Ala.) Reformed Presbyterian Church; **pray** that the Lord would bless their move to Selma, and that the path would be clear for his examination and installation.

Thursday: ““My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.””—Hosea 4:6a. **Pray** that we would have true knowledge of God and His Word. **Pray** for Bloomington (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Friday: ““Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.””—Hosea 4:6c. **Pray** that God would give us the grace to remember His law. **Pray** for Rev. Greg Stiner and the budding Reformed Presbyterian mission work in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Saturday: ““The more they increased, the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame.””—Hosea 4:7. **Pray** that many people would come to church tomorrow, and that they would recognize what great sinners they are as well as what great grace is found in Jesus Christ. **Pray** for more workers for this ministry.

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472-B Paines Avenue NW
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Worship at 5:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading (p. 417)

Isaiah 53

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 92C

“It’s Good to Thank the Lord”

Scripture Text (p. 684)

I Thessalonians 5:12-28

The Sermon

“Thanksgiving”

*Prayer

*Psalm 107D

“To Those Who Go to Sea in Ships”

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”—Matthew 4:4.

“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”—Matthew 13:9.

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”—Psalm 19:7.

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

“Thanksgiving” I Thessalonians 5:18

Theme: Paul tells us to give thanks in every circumstance.

I. The Command to Give Thanks

A. the verb

1. *eucharisteo*—“good” and “gratitude/thanks”
2. occurrences
3. the meaning
 - a. bless God
 - b. give Him thanks for His provision for you
 - c. it comes from a heart full of gratitude

B. “in everything”—this means in every circumstance in which you may find yourself, including the good and the bad

II. The Reason to Give Thanks

A. the command of God

B. the sovereignty of God

C. with specific reference to Christ Jesus

III. Examples of People who Gave Thanks

A. Old Testament—Hannah; Habakkuk; Daniel

B. New Testament

1. the one of ten lepers healed by Jesus
2. Paul and Silas in prison in Philippi

C. Jesus Himself—Matthew 11; Psalm 40

Application

A. are you thankful for whatever?

B. remember that the only way to be truly thankful is through Jesus Christ