

Family Worship Guide
New Life Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day: May 17, 2020

Call to Worship

Psalm 50:7-15

(all read together)

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify to you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” (ESV)

Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

(sing or read together)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

(head of household prays)

Heavenly Father. You made all things, and all things belong to You. There is nothing in the Universe to which You cannot point to and say "Mine!" So Lord, teach us to hold loosely the things that do not belong to us, and instead hold them in stewardship to You. Lord remind us that we are Yours as well, and that be Creation and Redemption, we doubly belong to You. For all Your blessings, teach us to sing, praise, and appreciate your graces. Accept our feeble worship today, as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Visit us with Your Holy Spirit that we might receive grace upon grace, to praise our Savior of Grace: The Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we approach Your Throne. Amen.

Q73: What is the eighth commandment?

A: The eighth commandment is: You shall not steal.

Q74: What does the eighth commandment require?

A: The eighth commandment requires that we lawfully acquire and increase our own and others' money and possessions.

Q75: What does the eighth commandment forbid?

A: The eighth commandment forbids anything that either does or may unjustly take away money or possessions from us or anyone else.

* Modern English Version by Douglas F. Kelly and Philip Rollinson

Scripture References for Shorter Catechism Questions:

Q73: Ex. 20:15; Deut. 5:19

Q74: Lev. 25:35; Eph. 4:28b; Phil. 2:4

Q75: Prov. 28:19ff; Eph. 4:28a; 1 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8

The Lord's Prayer

(all pray together)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Open Prayer Time

(head of household reads)

At this time I invite your prayer requests and thanksgivings.

(allow some time for praying out loud, then read this or pray in your own words to close the time of prayer)

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayer to you; and has promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Psalm 69:5-6

(all read together)

O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you. Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord God of hosts; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel. (ESV)

Meditation

(Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-10

(head of household reads)

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. (ESV)

Hymn of Grace

“The Solid Rock”

(sing or read together)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand—
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

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When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:15

“You shall not steal.” (ESV)

Additional Reading

Exodus 22:1-16, 25-27

¹ “If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. ² If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, ³ but if the sun has risen on him, there shall be bloodguilt for him. He shall surely pay. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. ⁴ If the stolen beast is found alive in his possession, whether it is an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

⁵ “If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed over, or lets his beast loose and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best in his own field and in his own vineyard.

⁶ “If fire breaks out and catches in thorns so that the stacked grain or the standing grain or the field is consumed, he who started the fire shall make full restitution.

⁷ “If a man gives to his neighbor money or goods to keep safe, and it is stolen from the man's house, then, if the thief is found, he shall pay double. ⁸ If the thief is not found, the owner of the house shall come near to God to show whether or not he has put his hand to his neighbor's property. ⁹ For every breach of trust, whether it is for an ox, for a donkey, for a sheep, for a cloak, or for any kind of lost thing, of which one says, ‘This is it,’ the case of both parties shall come before God. The one whom God condemns shall pay double to his neighbor.

¹⁰ “If a man gives to his neighbor a donkey or an ox or a sheep or any beast to keep safe, and it dies or is injured or is driven away, without anyone seeing it, ¹¹ an oath by the LORD shall be between them both to see whether or not he has put his hand to his neighbor's property. The owner shall accept the oath, and he shall not make restitution. ¹² But if it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner. ¹³ If it is torn by beasts, let him bring it as evidence. He shall not make restitution for what has been torn.

¹⁴ “If a man borrows anything of his neighbor, and it is injured or dies, the owner not being with it, he shall make full restitution. ¹⁵ If the owner was with it, he shall not make restitution; if it was hired, it came for its hiring fee.

¹⁶ “Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

²⁵ “If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. ²⁶ If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, ²⁷ for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.” (ESV)

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” (ESV)

Sermon

“The Eighth Commandment: Lord over All”

(Note: the head of household may explain the passage to the family to make application or you may now play Pastor Jared’s sermon [link below])

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIHXL9a70hprumUJOMnSmXw>

Homepage: www.newlifehopewell.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newlifehopewell/>

Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

(sing or read together)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

(head of household reads)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (ESV)

Table Talk

(These are questions to talk about over the dinner table, or for your own devotions, based on the text and sermon this week)

- 1) What does God's ownership of all things have to do with the Eighth Commandment?
- 2) Why do we have such a hard time with this commandment?
- 3) In what ways are we tempted to violate the Eighth Commandment in our jobs? In our schooling? In our spending? In our hearts?
- 4) How does Jesus transform this commandment in Matthew 6?
- 5) How does Jesus fulfill this commandment?

Dive Deeper: Larger Catechism (Modern English Version)

Q141: What does the eighth commandment require?

A: The eighth commandment requires us to act truthfully, faithfully, and justly in our contractual and business relationships with our fellow human beings so that we give to all what they deserve.¹ We are to make restitution for anything we have unlawfully acquired from its rightful owner;² we should give and lend freely, according to our ability and the needs of others;³ we must moderate our judgment, will, and inclinations about worldly goods;⁴ we must exercise prudence in the acquisition,⁵ maintenance, use, and disposition of the things that we need and are appropriate to sustain us humanly and that match our condition in life⁶ we should find something lawful to do in life⁷ and work hard at it;⁸ we should be frugal;⁹ and we should avoid unnecessary lawsuits¹⁰ and should not become liable by putting up security for others or by similar commitments.¹¹ Finally, we must do our best, by all just and lawful means, to acquire, preserve, and increase our own and others' money and possessions.¹²

(1.) Ps 15.2,4, Mi 6.8, Zec 7.4,10, 8.16-17, Rom 13.7. (2.) Lv 6.2-5, Lk 19.8. (3.) Lk 6.30,38, Eph 4.28, Gal 6.10, Dt 15.7-8, 10. (4.) 1 Tm 6.6-9, Gal 6.14. (5.) 1 Tm 5.8. (6.) Prv 27.23-27, Eccl 2.24, 3.12-13, 1 Tm 6.17-18, Is 38.1, Mt 11.8. (7.) 1 Cor 7.20, Gn 2.15, 3.19, Eph 4.28, Rom 12.5-8. (8.) Eph 4.28, Prv 10.4, Rom 12.11. (9.) Jn 6.12, Prv 21.20, 12.27. (10.) 1 Cor 6.1-9. (11.) Prv 6.1-6, 11.15. (12.) Lv 25.35, Dt 22.1-4, Ex 23.4-5, Gn 47.14,20, Phil 2.4, Mt 22.39.

Q142: What particular sins does the eighth commandment forbid?

A: In addition to failing to do what is required,¹ the eighth commandment forbids: theft,² robbery,³ kidnapping,⁴ and receiving stolen goods;⁵ fraud,⁶ dishonest scales or measures,⁷ removing boundary markers,⁸ injustice or bad faith in our contractual relationships⁹ or trust agreements;¹⁰ oppression,¹¹ extortion,¹² usury,¹³ bribery,¹⁴ harassing lawsuits,¹⁵ and unjust expropriation and dispossession of others' land;¹⁶ hoarding goods to increase their price,¹⁷ illegal work or activities,¹⁸ and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking, withholding, or enriching ourselves from what belongs to others;¹⁹ avarice;²⁰ excessive attachment to or display of our worldly goods;²¹ allowing ourselves to become distracted from trusting God in the way that we acquire, maintain, and use worldly goods;²² envying the prosperity of others;²³ and also laziness,²⁴ extravagance, wasteful gambling, and all the other ways that needlessly jeopardize our money and possessions²⁵ and defraud ourselves of the use and comfort of the things God has given us.²⁶

(1.) Jas 2.15-16, 1 Jn 3.17, Prv 23.21. (2.) Eph 4.28. (3.) Ps 62.10. (4.) 1 Tm 1.10, Ex 21.16. (5.) Prv 29.24, Ps 50.18. (6.) 1 Thes 4.6. (7.) Prv 11.1, 20.10. (8.) Dt 19.14, Prv 23.10. (9.) Am 8.5, Ps 37.21. (10.) Lk 16.10-12. (11.) Ez 22.29, Lv 25.17. (12.) Mt 23.25, Ez 22.12. (13.) Ps 15.5. (14.) Jb 15.34, Is 33.15. (15.) 1 Cor 6.6-8, Prv 3.29-30. (16.) Is 5.8, Mi 2.2. (17.) Prv 11.26. (18.) Acts 19.19,24-25. (19.) Jb 20.19, Jas 5.4, Prv 21.6. (20.) Lk 12.15, Prv 1.19. (21.) 1 Tm 6.5, Col 3.2, Prv 23.5, Ps 62.10, 1 Jn 2.15-16. (22.) Mt 6.25,31,34, Eccl 5.12. (23.) Ps 73.3, 37.1,7, Jas 5.9. (24.) 2 Thes 3.11, Prv 18.9. (25.) Prv 21.17, 23.20-21, 28.19. (26.) Eccl 4.8, 6.2, 1 Tm 5.8, Dt 12.7, 16.14.