



Daily Worship Notes

January 19th – 24th, 2026

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 51: What is required in the second commandment?

Answer: The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Scripture Proofs:

Deuteronomy 4:15-19; Romans 1:22-23; Leviticus 10:1-2; Jeremiah 19:4-5; Colossians 2:18-23.

Comment: God is to be worshipped only as He is revealed in His Word, we're not to make any pictures or images of Him or do anything else which He has not expressly commanded us to.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 32A. The words are on page 8.

Please pray for:

Mon - Gabe & Maria, & Olívia Braden

Tues - Eric Cai & Ivanna Yu, & Nausicaa

Wed - Spencer Clafton

Thur - Evan & Kaylea, Lauren, Nash, Axl & Lennox Clarke

Frid - Lucas Coelho

Sat - Alice Coelho

Bible Questions for the week:

Question: What animal was killed for the Passover?

Answer: Exodus 12:21

Question: What was the tenth plague?

Answer: Exodus 12:29

Please pray for the Holy Spirit's help as you study God's Word.

The notes are taken from the RPCS 'Let's Worship God' website.

The author is Rev. Phil Pockras, RPCNA minister.



ISAIAH

Monday - Isaiah 2:1-5 - The Mountain of the Lord.

What is this mountain that is being spoken of here? The mountain is a picture of the people of God, the church of Jesus Christ. The Church, as Jesus says in His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14, is the city on a hill, and the Gospel will go and is going to all the world. Here is a picture of the faith and the people of God: Firmly rooted, immovable, strong, mighty, massive. The faith is firmly rooted, just as the mountains are rooted in the earth. The Church of Jesus Christ is founded upon the rock of salvation.

The population of this mountain is from all nations. Some say that people in the Old Testament had no idea about the coming of the church or the church age or how Jews and Gentiles would be put together. But that is exactly what this picture is about here. This is a picture of what will happen in the church in our day, in these New Testament days. Here is a picture of people coming from all nations. People are eager to do so, and encouraging one another to come in.

In the mountain, there is peace with God since the inhabitants are justified by faith. As the mountain fills all the earth, it brings, and it alone can bring, peace on Earth. There are many things that people look to bring peace on Earth. But these things cannot. Hearts are still evil, and societies are still corrupted. The only one who can bring peace is He who rules in Zion, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When does all this happen? In the last days. These days in which we live are the last days, and they have been since the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They have been since Pentecost. We are living in the last days (Hebrews 1:2). The prophecy has not yet been fully brought about, but it is underway now. We finish here with an exhortation from God to those who profess to be His people. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. We have the light of the Lord right here in the Scripture. So let us seek to be walking in holiness. Let us give Him praise.

Questions

1. What are these verses a picture of?
2. What is the only thing that can bring peace on earth?

Memory verse

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Joshua 1:8



the book of ISAIAH

Tuesday - Isaiah 2:6-9 - The Shame of God's People.

Isaiah says that God has forsaken the house of Jacob. Why is that? Because they are not heeding the Word of God. They are interested in conforming to the culture around them. What they're doing is capitulating, giving up, throwing away that which is distinctive, and yielding to the sensibilities and the sins of the nations. But while we are to engage with those in the culture around us, it is so that they will be plucked as brands from the burning, not that we will get sucked into their muck.

People were saying, 'What is the matter? Why does God exhort us through the prophet that we need to come and walk in the light of the Lord? Why, we not only have these new perspectives, but we have wealth and plenty. God must be pleased with us. Isn't everything fine?' Their land is full of silver and gold, their land is full of horses. Their land is also full of what? Full of idols.

What are the consequences of this shame? Shame it is that the people of God should be trusting in and resting in these things rather than in their God, who has saved and delivered them. The first consequence is in verse 6: "you have rejected your people, the house of Jacob." The people of God are abandoned by their God for their sin. God leaves them in their idolatry. It happened before the Babylonian captivity, and it's happened to the Jews since their rejection of Jesus. We give thanks that the abandonment is not entire. There are some Jews who've come to Jesus. The abandonment is not final, as we see in Romans 11, but it's been going on for nearly 2000 years now. The other consequence we see in verse 9. People bow down, and each man humbles himself before these idols! Therefore, there is no forgiveness. No one comes through the Mediator whom God has provided. We must make sure that this shame is not within us. We are not to capitulate to the culture around us. We are to confront and transform the culture. We are always and only to use wealth and power to exalt Jesus and to rest in Him alone.

Questions

1. What were the people trusting in?
2. What were the consequences of this?

Memory verse

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Joshua 1:8



the book of ISAIAH

Wednesday - Isaiah 2:10-17 - The High Brought Low

What does God do with those who trust in ideas from afar? What does he do with those who feel secure behind their wealth, who are proud of their power and their military greatness, who are feeling as though they are safe with their idols? First, He afflicts and terrifies them, as we see in verse 10. They think they're safe, but they are not. Things would become very frightening, very scary for them very soon. How unlike people who come to conviction of their sin by God's grace and who take themselves to rest upon and be safe in the rock of Jesus Christ. But that is not the picture here. These people claim to be the people of God, but they are not. Instead of resting in Jesus, what they're trying to do here is to hide from God and somehow protect themselves, not in Jesus, but in earthly rocks. They want to hide in the dust. But how do you hide from God? Those who will not flee to Him in Jesus Christ will have to try to flee away from Him, frightened and terrified.

He humbles proud sinners, so that He alone will be exalted, as we see here in verse 11. There is no room ultimately for any glory but the glory of God. There is no room in Isaiah's day, nor is there now, for the exaltation of the state, of one's country, of one's own works, righteousness, personal power, affluence, authority, intelligence, etc. God in Christ is the only one who must be, who shall be exalted. That was true in Isaiah's day; it is true in our day. How shall this happen? We see in verse 12. Humbling judgments bring about humiliation. This is how it happens even today to nations, societies, cultures, and peoples that pit themselves against the Messiah. Isaiah gives examples in verses 13-16.

For us who are believers, this is good news. For although Christ's enemies look to be many and strong, they cannot win. All their great boasts, all their proud speech, all that they plan to do and intend to do shall ultimately come to nothing.

Questions

1. What will God do to those who trust in things other than Him?
2. Who is the only one who should be exalted?

This week's memory verse for life.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."
Joshua 1:8



the book of ISAIAH

Thursday - Isaiah 2:18-22 - Foolishness of Idols.

Besides trusting in other things which in a very real way were idols themselves, the people of Judah have actual idols that they trust in. How foolish. But this isn't something recent. It has been a sin for God's people for quite some time.

What would God do with these idols? What would God do with those who worship idols? Underneath all is an ongoing attitude problem of wanting to depart from Jehovah God and to trust in other things. How foolish it is to trust in things that they themselves have made. How can these false gods deliver people? How can they make their lives useful? How can they give any meaning to the lives of their worshippers? We see what happens to the idols here. Not only are they unable to do anything to help those who worship them, these so-called gods who really don't exist, but their representations are also thrown away because when Jehovah comes to judge, it's made evident who the real, living and true God is. These worshippers of idols see that all that they've put their trust in, all that they've invested their lives in, is worthless. In fact, they are worse than worthless. They're a positive offence to the only living and true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. And so they try to get rid of the evidence. The idols go into the holes of the earth. They go into the caves of the earth.

Isaiah closes with this warning to the remnant: those who do not merely claim to be the people of God, but who truly are. Cut yourself off from such men as these. Depart from the wicked. Depart from the hypocrites. Get yourself away from them. They may have had a seemingly good profession at one time, but now they are sliding off, or they have slipped into wickedness and idolatry. Do not hold to those who fight against Zion's king and who fight against His Word.

Questions

1. Why is idol worship so foolish?
2. What does Isaiah warn them to do?

Memory verse

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Joshua 1:8

Friday - Isaiah 3:1-4:1 - Judgement on High Society.

In verses 1-3, God takes away the very supports of society, the supports of individual life, bread and water. He also undermines the foundations of national, social, and cultural life. Not only does he take away the food and water, but also all the leaders of society. Everything is about to fall apart -- not by magic, not by bad luck, but because of judgment from the Lord.

In verses 4-5, we see the land falling into confusion and disorder, with the rulers either literal children or those who possess the childish qualities of willfulness, petulance, impulsivity, and short-sightedness. We see those who are low and dishonourable taking over; people oppressing their neighbours; and the child being insolent toward the elder and the base toward the honourable. It sounds very much like our own society today. In verses 6-7, we see not only society in general falling apart, but also local and family government falling to pieces.

Why does God do all this? In verse 8, there is outright hatred and defiance of God. We see further impudence in verse 9. People are no longer trying to sin in secret. They do not hide it. There's a delight in sin. We see oppression going on in verses 12-15. Those who were high and mighty, who should have been the protectors of the people, who should have been seeking their welfare, who should have been serving them, who were given power and authority to tend to and shepherd the people, were oppressing them horribly.

The women are vain, immoral, and proud. We see all these things that they do, and all the pleasant perfumes, and all the fashionable jewelry, and the fashionable clothes. But all this is to be completely overturned. The same God judges nations even today.

Questions

1. What kind of judgement does God bring?
2. Why does He bring this judgement?

Memory verse

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”
Joshua 1:8



the book of ISAIAH

Saturday - Isaiah 3:10-11 - Safety in Christ.

The words in verse 10 can be applied especially to the Lord Jesus Christ. For who of us has been righteous? Who of the people in Isaiah's day had been righteous? Ultimately, it is Jesus who is "the Lord our righteousness." It has been well for Him. He went to the cross, despising the shame for the joy set before Him. He did eat the fruit of His deeds. To Him was given all things. But because He is the head and we are the body, because He is the husband, we are the bride, because of that, we partake of this promise as well. We have no righteousness of ourselves, but in God's sight we have the righteousness of Jesus. Because of that, the reward mentioned here, and the promise of well being is for us as well. The godly are kept safe. Even though destruction is whirling about them, even though there is difficulty, and even though there is affliction through it, they are kept safe.

For the wicked, as we see in verse 11, the application is quite the opposite. Things are not well for them, though they, too, get their reward. They're riding high in the moment, but soon Messiah the Prince will smash them. We see all kinds of wickedness in society today, and we think, how can we stand against it? It must triumph, we think. We see all sorts of powers ranged against us with seemingly growing strength, and we fear that there is no hope. Perhaps some of the godly in Isaiah's day thought the same. We're mistaken when we think so. For us, there is redemption coming. For us, there is rescue coming. We've been delivered already. We are in Jesus Christ and saved from our greatest enemy, and that is sin. Difficulties that come to you personally, difficulties that come to you because you're part of a society being judged - through all of them you shall be delivered. This judgment shall fall on those who fight against the Lord and against His Messiah. But for you there shall be deliverance, full and entire.

Questions

1. How is verse 10 applied to Christ?
2. What promises do we have as believers?

Memory verse

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Joshua 1:8

Psalm 33B

1. With gladness in the LORD,
O let the righteous sing!
For when the upright give Him praise,
It is a fitting thing,
It is a fitting thing.

2. So give the LORD your thanks,
With harp your music raise;
And with a ten-stringed instrument,
Sing out to Him your praise.
Sing out to Him your praise.

3. And as you sing and play,
Your skillfulness employ.
O sing a new song unto Him;
With shouts express your joy.
With shouts express your joy.

4. For upright is the word
The LORD has given us,
And all the works that He has done
Were done in faithfulness,
Were done in faithfulness.

5. For He seeks righteousness,
And all that's just and fair;
The LORD's love is throughout the earth,
Abundant everywhere,
Abundant everywhere.