



BCRC Family Worship Guide

January 19, 2025

Preparing for Morning Worship

This Sunday morning, Missionary George deVuyst will preach from the book of Matthew. Take some time to read and think about this text as we approach the preaching of God's Word.

Matthew 20:17-28 (English Standard Version)

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

¹⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

A Mother's Request

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Songs, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

...Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-21

May the Peoples Praise You

Mighty to Save

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



Approaching Worship with Preparation

Before coming to God's house to hear His Word, prepare yourself and your family with prayer. The Puritans said we should dress our bodies for worship and our souls with prayer.

Pray for:

- *The conversion of sinners*
- *The edification of saints*
- *The glorification of God's triune name*
- *Listening ears and understanding hearts*
- *An outpouring of the Spirit's conviction, quickening, humbling, and comforting power to work through God's ordinances (Preaching, prayer, sacraments) in the fulfillment of His promises.*

-from "The Family at Church" by Joel R. Beeke



Preparing for Evening Worship

This Sunday evening, Missionary George deVuyst will preach and share an update of his ministry. Join us for an ice cream social immediately following the service.

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Q. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. No. God created them good ¹ and in his own image, ² that is, in true righteousness and holiness, ³ so that they might truly know God their creator ⁴ love him with all their heart, and live with him in eternal happiness for his praise and glory.⁵

¹ Gen. 1:31

² Gen. 1:26-27

³ Eph. 4:24

⁴ Col. 3:10

⁵ Ps. 8

Q&A 7

Q. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise.¹ This fall has so poisoned our nature² that we are born sinners— corrupt from conception on.³

¹ Gen. 3

² Rom. 5:12, 18-19

³ Ps. 51:5

Q&A 8

Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. Yes,¹ unless we are born again, by the Spirit of God.²

¹ Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; Isa. 53:6

² John 3:3-5