



Family preparation for congregational worship on February 12, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 4:13-16 (ESV): For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

Discuss:

1. On what foundation did Abraham receive the promise of inheriting the world?
2. Why would God's promise be worthless if a person had to keep the law perfectly to receive it?
3. What does the Law bring to those who live by it?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He has the power to make us clean. Praise the Lord that He can turn our failures into successes. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for revival among Christians here in America. Pray for the needs of your personal friends. Pray, for the Gideon's as they distribute Bibles here and around the world. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (January): "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **John 3:16-17 (ESV)**

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today; Try me, O Savior, Know my thoughts I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from every sin and set me free.*

*I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; fulfill thy Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame; Grant my desire to magnify thy name.*

*Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine; fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride; I now surrender, Lord in me abide.*

*O Holy Ghost, revival comes from thee; send a revival, start the work in me.
Thy Word declares thou wilt supply our need; for blessings now, O Lord I humbly plead.*

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