

Family preparation for congregational worship on August 20, 2017

Our Scripture-Psalm 66 (ESV): Shout for joy to God, all the earth; 2 sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! 3 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. 4 All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” Selah 5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. 6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, 7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah 8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, 9 who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. 10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. 11 You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; 12 you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. 13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, 14 that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. 17 I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. 19 But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Discuss:

1. Who are called to praise the Lord? (v.1-4)
2. What acts of deliverance are described? (v.8-12).
3. How is the writer of this psalm testifying to God’s goodness? (vv.16-20).

Prayer: Praise the Lord that His compassions are new everyday. Praise the Lord that He rules in love. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for opportunities for evangelism in your life. Pray for a passion for moral excellence in your personal life. Pray for Mark and Leslie Boyd as they are church planting and ministering in Germany. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (August) *Be watchful, stand firm, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13 (esv)*

Music:

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and salvation! All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been granted in what He ordaineth,

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with Praises before Him! Let the “amen” sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him!

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