

Family preparation for congregational worship on September 10, 2017

Our Scripture-Psalm 69:1-17 (ESV): *Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. 3 I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God. 4 More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore? 5 O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you. 6 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. 7 For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. 9 For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. 10 When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. 12 I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me. 13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness. 14 Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. 15 Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me. 16 Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. 17 Hide not your face from your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.*

Discuss:

1. How does the writer of this psalm describe his situation? (vv.1-2; 14-15).
2. How does David demonstrate humility before God? (vv.10-11).

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He loves us unconditionally. Praise the Lord that He does not leave us to our own abilities in following Him. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a greater love for your family. Pray for revival among Christians. Pray for Isaac and Bethany Ledford as they minister to university students. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (September) *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1(ESV)*

Music:

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

*The Lord's our Rock; in Him we hide, A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide, A shelter in the time of storm.*

*O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, A weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land-A shelter in the time of storm.*

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