# KNOX ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Morning Worship 10:30 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM

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#### **Heidelberg Catechism:**

**Q.** 6. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

**A.** No. God created them good and in God's own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love God with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness for God's praise and glory.

**Ephesians 4:23-24:** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind, And put on the new man, which after God is created unto righteousness, and true holiness.

### November 30, 2025

### **Morning Worship**

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Benediction



- The people's poor ones he shall judge,
   The needy's children bless;
   And he will break in pieces those
   Who would the poor oppress.
- 4. They shall Thee fear while sun and Do last through ages all; [moon He'll come like rain on meadows mown, Or show'rs on earth that fall.
- The just shall flourish in his days,
   And prosper in his reign;
   And while the moon endures he shall
   Abundant peace maintain.
- 6. His large and great dominion shall From sea to sea extend;
  It from the River shall reach forth
  To earth's remotest end.
- 7. They in the wilderness that dwell
  Bow down before him must;
  And they that are his enemies
  Shall lick the very dust.

- The kings of Tarshish and the Isles
   To him shall tribute pay;
   The king of Sheba, Seba's chief,
   Shall gifts before him lay.
- Yea, kings shall all before him bow;
   All nations shall obey;
   He'll save the needy when he cries,
   The poor who hath no stay.
- 10. The poor man and the indigent In mercy he shall spare; He shall preserve alive the souls Of those that needy are.
- Both from deceit and violence
   Their soul he shall set free;
   And also in his sight their blood
   Shall very precious be.
- 12. Yea, he shall live, and giv'n to him Shall be of Sheba's gold; For him shall constant prayer be made, His praise each day be told.

### THE BOOK OF PSALMS



- 14. The city shall be flourishing; Her citizens abound In number shall, like to the grass That grows upon the ground.
- 15. His name forever shall endure;Last like the sun it shall;Men shall be blessed in him, and blessedAll nations shall him call.
- 16. Now blessèd be the Lord our God, The God of Israel, For He alone doth wondrous works, In glory that excel.
- 17. And blessèd be His glorious name To all eternity.
  The whole earth let His glory fill;
  Amen, so let it be.

### Ezekiel 21

- 1 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
- <sup>2</sup> Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop thy word toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,
- <sup>3</sup> And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.
- <sup>4</sup> Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:
- <sup>5</sup> That all flesh may know that I the Lord have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.
- <sup>6</sup> Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of thy loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

<sup>7</sup> And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord God.

- <sup>10</sup> It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree.
- <sup>11</sup> And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.
- <sup>12</sup> Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

- <sup>13</sup> Because it is a trial, and what if the sword contemn even the rod? it shall be no more, saith the Lord God.
- <sup>14</sup> Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together. and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.
- <sup>15</sup> I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may faint, and their ruins be multiplied: ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up for the slaughter.
- <sup>16</sup> Go thee one way or other, either on the right hand, or on the left, whithersoever thy face is set.
- <sup>17</sup> I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I the Lord have said it.
- <sup>18</sup> The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying,
- <sup>19</sup> Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land: and choose thou a place, choose it at the head of the way to the city.

- <sup>20</sup> Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.
- <sup>21</sup> For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.
- At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering rams against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fort.
- <sup>23</sup> And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.
- <sup>24</sup> Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

- <sup>25</sup> And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,
- <sup>26</sup> Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.
- <sup>27</sup> I will overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.
- <sup>28</sup> And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering:
- <sup>29</sup> Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.
- <sup>30</sup> Shall I cause it to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity.

- <sup>31</sup> And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy.
- <sup>32</sup> Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered: for I the Lord have spoken it.

#### Luke 24

- 1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.
- <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
- <sup>3</sup> And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
- <sup>4</sup> And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
- <sup>5</sup> And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
- <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
- <sup>7</sup> Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
- <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words,
- <sup>9</sup> And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

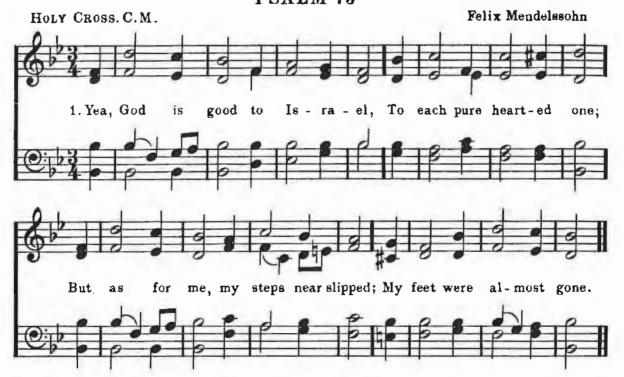
- <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
- <sup>11</sup> And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.
- <sup>12</sup> Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.
- <sup>13</sup> And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.
- <sup>14</sup> And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
- <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
- <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.
- <sup>17</sup> And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

- <sup>18</sup> And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
- <sup>19</sup> And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
- <sup>20</sup> And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
- <sup>21</sup> But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.
- <sup>22</sup> Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
- <sup>23</sup> And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
- <sup>24</sup> And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
- <sup>25</sup> Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

- <sup>26</sup> Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
- <sup>27</sup> And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
- <sup>28</sup> And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
- <sup>29</sup> But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
- <sup>30</sup> And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.
- <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
- <sup>32</sup> And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
- <sup>33</sup> And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,
- <sup>34</sup> Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

- <sup>35</sup> And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.
- <sup>36</sup> And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- <sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.
- <sup>38</sup> And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?
- <sup>39</sup> Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
- <sup>40</sup> And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.
- <sup>41</sup> And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?
- <sup>42</sup> And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.
- <sup>43</sup> And he took it, and did eat before them.
- <sup>44</sup> And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

- <sup>45</sup> Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- <sup>46</sup> And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
- <sup>47</sup> And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- <sup>48</sup> And ye are witnesses of these things.
- <sup>49</sup> And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
- <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.
- <sup>51</sup> And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.
- <sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:
- <sup>53</sup> And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.



- For I was envious and grudged
   The foolish ones to see,
   When I perceived that wicked men
   Enjoy prosperity.
- Because their strength continues firm,
   Their death from pangs is free.
   They are not troubled as the rest,
   Nor plagued as others be.
- Their pride doth therefore like a chain Encompass them about;
   And, as a garment, violence Doth cover them throughout.
- Their eyes stand out with fat; they
  have
   More than their heart could seek;
   They scoff, and loftily of wrong
   And of oppression speak.

- They set their mouth against the heav'ns;
   Their tongue walks earth about;
  - His people, therefore, hither turn;
    A full cup they drain out.
- 7. And thus they say, How can it be That God these things doth know? Or can there in the Highest be The thought of things below?
- Behold, these are the wicked ones
   That prosper at their will;
   And being at their ease increase
   In wealth and riches still.
- I verily have sought in vaih
   My heart to purify;
   And vainly also washed my hands
   In innocence have I.
- For daily and all day throughout, Great plagues I suffered have;
   Yea, every morning I anew
   Did chastisement receive.

#### Hebrews 9

- 1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
- <sup>2</sup> For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
- <sup>3</sup> And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
- <sup>4</sup> Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;
- <sup>5</sup> And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
- <sup>6</sup> Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.
- <sup>7</sup> But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

- <sup>8</sup> The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:
- <sup>9</sup> Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;
- <sup>10</sup> Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.
- <sup>11</sup> But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;
- <sup>12</sup> Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.
- <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
- <sup>14</sup> How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- <sup>15</sup> And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.
- <sup>16</sup> For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
- <sup>17</sup> For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.
- <sup>18</sup> Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.
- <sup>19</sup> For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,
- <sup>20</sup> Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
- <sup>21</sup> Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.
- <sup>22</sup> And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

- <sup>23</sup> It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.
- <sup>24</sup> For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
- <sup>25</sup> Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;
- <sup>26</sup> For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
- <sup>28</sup> So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.



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- 12. When I this thought to know, it was Too hard a thing for me; Till to God's holy place I went; Then I their end did see.
- 13. Upon a slipp'ry place them set Assuredly Thou hast; And down to desolation deep Thou dost them quickly cast.
- 14. How in a moment suddenly

  To ruin brought are they!

  With fearful terrors utterly

  They are consumed away.
- 15. Ev'n like an empty dream when one From sleeping doth arise, So Thou, when Thou awakest, Lord, Their image wilt despise.
- 16. Thus grieved within me was my heart,And me my reins opprest;

And me my reins opprest; So rude was I and ignorant, And in Thy sight a beast.

- 17. Yet notwithstanding this, I am Continually with Thee; Thou hast me held by my right hand, And still upholdest me.
- 18. Thou with Thy counsel while I live, Wilt me conduct and guide; And to Thy glory afterward Receive me to abide.
- 19. Whom have I in the heavens high?I trust in Thee alone;And in the earth whom I desireBesides Thee there is none.
- 20. My flesh and heart do faint and fail, But God my heart sustains; The strength and portion of my heart He evermore remains.
- 21. For, lo, they that are far from Thee Forever perish shall,And those that wanton from Thee strayThou hast destroyed them all.
- 22. But surely it is good for me That I to God draw near; My refuge is Jehovah Lord; Thy works I will declare.

### November 30, 2025

### **Evening Worship**

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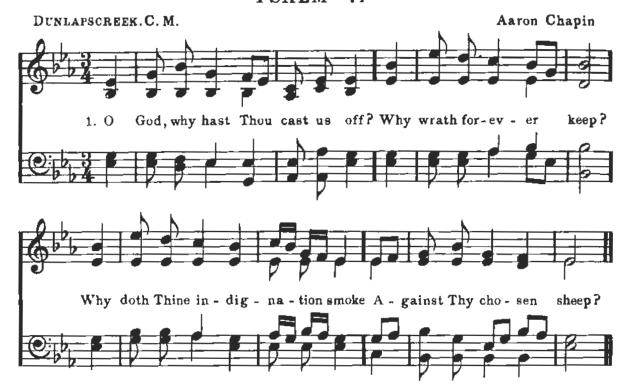
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Sermon: Refuge

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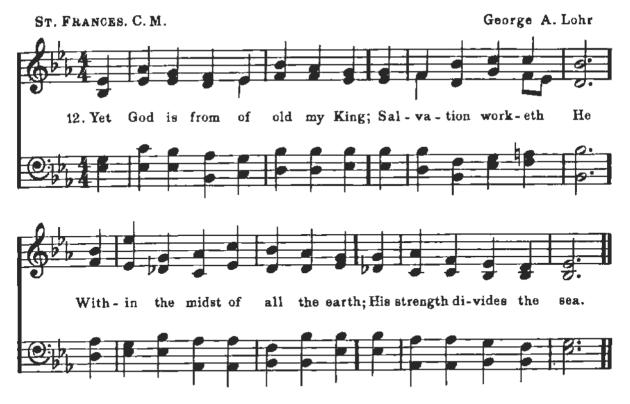
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Benediction



- The congregation of Thy choice
   In Thy rememb'rance hold;
   The people who have purchased been
   By Thee in days of old;
- The tribe of Thine inheritance
   Long since redeemed by Thee,
   And Zion Mount wherein Thou mad'st
   Thy dwelling place to be.
- To ruins lasting and complete
   Lift up Thy feet in haste;
   See all the evil foes have done
   When they Thy house laid waste.
- Thine enemies in triumph shout Where Thine assemblies met;
   And in Thy holy dwelling-place Their signs for banners set.
- 6. They seemed as men who lifted up Their ax on forest trees; And now to break the carved work They ax and hammer seize. [down

- Thy sanctuary they profaned;
   They gave it to the flame;
   And level with the ground they laid
   The place where dwelt Thy name.
- 8. Let us make havoc of them quite, Within their heart they planned: They burnt the synagogues of God Throughout the wasted land.
- Our signs we now no more behold,
   No more a prophet see;
   Nor is there with us one who knows
   How long the time shall be.
- 10. O God, how long shall enemies Reproachfully exclaim? Shall adversaries evermore Blaspheme Thy holy name?
- 11. Thy hand, ev'n Thy right hand of Why dost Thou not employ? [might, O from Thy bosom pluck it out. Them utterly destroy.



- 13. Leviathans' and dragons' heads
  In pieces Thou didst break;
  The food of such as dwell in wilds
  Thy billows did them make.
- 14. Thou didst divide the fount and flood; Mad'st mighty rivers dry; The day is Thine; the night is Thine; Thou mad'st 'the sun and sky.
- 15. Thou hast established by decree The borders of the earth; To summer and to winter Thou Hast given yearly birth.
- 16. O Lord, do Thou remember this—
  That enemies defame,
  And that a foolish people have
  Blasphemed Thy holy name.

- 17. Deliver not Thy turtle dove
   To foes which it beset;And Thy poor flock for evermore
   O do not Thou forget.
- 18. O to Thy cov'nant have respect; For ev'rywhere we see The earth's dark habitations filled With horrid cruelty.
- 19. O let not those that are oppressed Return again in shame; But let the poor and needy ones Sing praises to Thy name.
- 20. Arise, O God; plead Thine own cause; Let this remembered be: How all the day the foolish man Reproacheth evèn Thee.
- 21. Forget not Thou the voice of those That up against Thee rise; The tumult of Thine enemies Ascends in ceaseless cries.

#### **Revelation 22**

- 1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- <sup>2</sup> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
- <sup>4</sup> And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.
- <sup>5</sup> And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
- <sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
- <sup>7</sup> Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

- <sup>8</sup> And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.
- <sup>9</sup> Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.
- <sup>10</sup> And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.
- <sup>11</sup> He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
- <sup>12</sup> And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- <sup>13</sup> I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- <sup>14</sup> Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
- <sup>15</sup> For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

- <sup>16</sup> I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.
- <sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
- <sup>18</sup> For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
- <sup>19</sup> And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
- <sup>20</sup> He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
- <sup>21</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

### Joshua 8

- 1 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:
- <sup>2</sup> And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.
- <sup>3</sup> So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.
- <sup>4</sup> And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:
- <sup>5</sup> And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,
- <sup>6</sup> (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

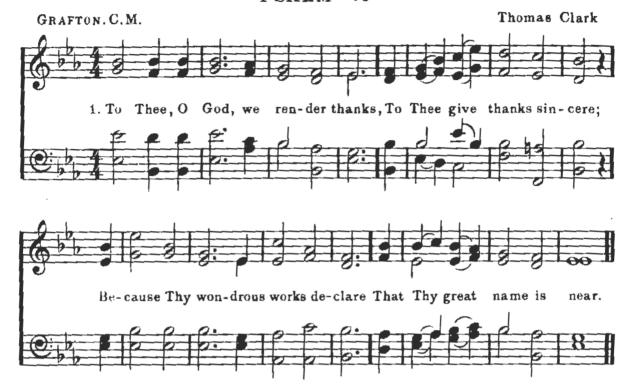
- <sup>7</sup>Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.
- <sup>8</sup> And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.
- <sup>9</sup> Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.
- <sup>10</sup> And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.
- <sup>11</sup> And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now there was a valley between them and Ai.
- <sup>12</sup> And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city.

- <sup>13</sup> And when they had set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.
- <sup>14</sup> And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city.
- <sup>15</sup> And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.
- <sup>16</sup> And all the people that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.
- <sup>17</sup> And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.
- <sup>18</sup> And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city.

- <sup>19</sup> And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.
- <sup>20</sup> And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.
- <sup>21</sup> And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.
- <sup>22</sup> And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.
- <sup>23</sup> And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.
- <sup>24</sup> And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

- <sup>25</sup> And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.
- <sup>26</sup> For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.
- <sup>27</sup> Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua.
- <sup>28</sup> And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, even a desolation unto this day.
- <sup>29</sup> And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day.
- <sup>30</sup> Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,
- <sup>31</sup> As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

- <sup>32</sup> And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.
- <sup>33</sup> And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.
- <sup>34</sup> And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.
- <sup>35</sup> There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.



- When mine appointed time is come,
   I'll judge with even hand.
   Though earth and all therein dissolve,
   I make its pillars stand.
- 3. I bade the haughty cease from pride;Ye vile, lift not the horn;O lift not up your horn on high,Nor speak with neck of scorn.
- For not from east nor west nor south Doth exaltation flow;
   But God is judge, uplifting one, Another humbling low.
- A cup is in Jehovah's hand;
   It foaming wine contains;
   Of mixture full, He pours it forth;
   The dregs each sinner drains.
- But I forever will declare;
   I Jacob's God will praise.
   The might of sinners I'll cut off,
   The just on high will raise.

### **Deuteronomy 19**

- 1 When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;
- <sup>2</sup> Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.
- <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.
- <sup>4</sup> And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;
- <sup>5</sup> As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:
- <sup>6</sup>Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

- <sup>7</sup> Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.
- <sup>8</sup> And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;
- <sup>9</sup> If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:
- <sup>10</sup> That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.
- <sup>11</sup> But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:
- <sup>12</sup> Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.
- <sup>13</sup> Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.
- <sup>14</sup> Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

- <sup>15</sup> One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.
- <sup>16</sup> If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong;
- <sup>17</sup> Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;
- <sup>18</sup> And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;
- <sup>19</sup> Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.
- <sup>20</sup> And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.
- <sup>21</sup> And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.



- There arrows of the bow He brake,
   The shield, the sword, the war.
   More glorious Thou than hills of prey,
   More excellent by far.
- 3. The stout of heart themselves are spoiled;
  A final sleep they slept;
  And none of all the men of might
  Their strength of hands have kept.
- When Thy rebuke, O Jacob's God, Had forth against them passed, Then both the chariot and the horse Were in a dead sleep cast.
- 5. For Thou, ev'n Thou, art to be feared, And who or where is he That may stand up before Thy sight, If once Thou angry be?

 From heav'n Thy sentence has been heard;
 The earth stood still and feared

When all the meek on earth to save, For judgment God appeared.

- 7. Assuredly the wrath of man

  To swell Thy praise redounds;

  Thou to the remnant of his wrath

  Wilt set restraining bounds.
- 8. Vow to the Lord your God, and pay;
  Ye that to Him are near,
  Bring gifts and presents unto Him;
  He worthy is of fear.
- For He the spirit shall cut off
   Of those that princes be;
   To kings that are upon the earth
   Most terrible is He.