

## Scriptural Charge and Exhortation

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

– Jesus

## Why Memorize Scripture? By John Piper

**CONFORMITY TO CHRIST** - Bible memorization has the effect of making our gaze on Jesus steadier and clearer.

**DAILY TRIUMPH OVER SIN** - As sin lures the body into sinful action, we call to mind a Christ-revealing word of Scripture and slay the temptation with the superior worth and beauty of Christ over what sin offers.

**DAILY TRIUMPH OVER SATAN** - When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness he recited Scripture from memory and put Satan to flight.

**COMFORT AND COUNSEL FOR PEOPLE YOU LOVE** - When the heart full of God's love can draw on the mind full of God's word, timely blessings flow from the mouth.

**COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL TO UNBELIEVERS** - Actual verses of the Bible have their own penetrating power. And when they come from our heart, as well as from the Book, the witness is given that they are precious enough to learn.

**COMMUNION WITH GOD IN THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS PERSON AND WAYS** - The way we commune with (that is, fellowship with) God is by meditating on his attributes and expressing to him our thanks and admiration and love, and seeking his help to live a life that reflects the value of these attributes.

## Knowing, Loving, Serving Christ ... Together

Week 1 :: Psalm 1:1-6  
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**REVIEW Psalms 1-12**

### Week 1 :: Psalm 1:1-6

#### PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

### Week 3 :: Psalm 3:1-8

#### PSALM 3: A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM ABSALOM HIS SON.

- 1 O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- 2 many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God. Selah
- 3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- 4 I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah
- 5 I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- 7 Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people! Selah

### Week 2 :: Psalm 2:1-12

#### PSALM 2

- 1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### Week 4 :: Psalm 4:1-8

#### PSALM 4: TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- 2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- 4 Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah
- 5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"
- 7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

### Week 5 :: Psalm 5:1-7

PSALM 5: TO THE CHOIRMASTER: FOR THE FLUTES. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.
- 2 Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.
- 3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
- 4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- 7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

### Week 7 :: Psalm 6:1-10

PSALM 6: TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS; ACCORDING TO THE SHEMINITH. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD — how long?
- 4 Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?
- 6 I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.
- 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.
- 8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

### Week 6 :: Psalm 5:8-12

- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.
- 9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.
- 12 For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

### Week 8 :: Psalm 7:1-8

PSALM 7: A SHIGGAION OF DAVID, WHICH HE SANG TO THE LORD CONCERNING THE WORDS OF CUSH, A BENJAMINITE.

- 1 O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,
- 2 lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands,
- 4 if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause,
- 5 let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust. Selah
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.
- 7 Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; over it return on high.
- 8 The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.

### Week 9 :: Psalm 7:9-17

- 9 Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous — you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God!
- 10 My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.
- 12 If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow;
- 13 he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies.
- 15 He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made.
- 16 His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.
- 17 I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

### Week 11 :: Psalm 9:1-10

PSALM 9: TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO MUTH-LABBEN. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- 6 The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.
- 7 But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,
- 8 and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.
- 9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
- 10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

### Week 10 :: Psalm 8:1-9

PSALM 8: TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE GITTITH. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### Week 12 :: Psalm 9:11-20

- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!
- 12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Be gracious to me, O LORD! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death,
- 14 that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation.
- 15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
- 16 The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgsaion. Selah
- 17 The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you!
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD! Let the nations know that they are but men! Selah

### Week 13 :: Psalm 10:1-9

#### PSALM 10

- 1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
- 2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.
- 4 In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- 6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."
- 7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- 8 He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;
- 9 he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

### Week 15 :: Psalm 11:1-7

#### PSALM 11: TO THE CHOIRMASTER. OF DAVID.

- 1 In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain,
- 2 for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;
- 3 if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.
- 5 The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.
- 6 Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.
- 7 For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

### Week 14 :: Psalm 10:10-18

- 10 The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might.
- 11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.
- 13 Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?
- 14 But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none.
- 16 The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.
- 17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear
- 18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

### Week 16 :: Psalm 12:1-8

#### PSALM 12: TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE SHEMINITH. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
- 2 Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
- 3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts,
- 4 those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"
- 5 "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."
- 6 The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.
- 7 You, O LORD, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever.
- 8 On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.