

WORSHIP GUIDE

A Survey of Church History, Part 48e: John Owen

OWEN WAS BIBLICAL, and depended just as much on the Holy Spirit. He certainly believed in a learned ministry - after all, he had taught theology at Oxford and done his best to promote godliness within the student body. But he also trusted the Holy Spirit to guide ordinary Christians in small group Bible studies that did not need to be policed by a formally trained expert. Aside from his own Bible study, which advanced on the serious scholarship represented by the three thousand titles that were included in the catalog of his library published soon after his death, Owen encouraged church members to study Scripture in private.

For a moment, let's back up to Owen's conversion. Though he embraced Puritan convictions from his youth, Owen lacked personal assurance of faith until, in 1642, he attended a church service at St. Mary Aldermanbury, London. He expected to hear Edmund Calamy preach, but a substitute was in the pulpit. Owen's friend urged him to leave with him to hear a more famous minister some distance away, but Owen decided to stay. The substitute preacher chose as his text, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" God used that sermon to bring Owen to assurance of faith. Later, Owen tried in vain to learn the identity of the preacher.

Owen took the Solemn League and Covenant at Fordham where he also took Mary Rooke as his bride. Of the eleven children born to them, only a daughter survived into adulthood. After an unhappy marriage to a Welshman, the daughter returned to live with her parents. She died of consumption shortly afterwards.

Richard Baxter claims that at the death of Cromwell Owen joined the Wallingford House party. Though supported by the fact that under the Restoration he had among his congregation a large number of these officers, Owen himself utterly denied this. He appears, however, to have assisted in the restoration of the Rump Parliament, and, when George Monck, 1st Duke of Albemarle, began his march into England, Owen, in the name of the Independent churches, to whom Monck was supposed to belong, and who were keenly anxious as to his intentions, wrote to dissuade him from the enterprise.

In March 1660, the Presbyterian party deprived Owen of his deanery at Oxford and gave it back to Edward Reynolds. Owen then retired to Stadham, where he wrote various controversial and theological works, in especial the laborious *Theologoumena Pantodapa*, a history of the rise and progress of theology. In 1661 was published the celebrated *Fiat Lux*, a work in which the oneness and beauty of Roman Catholicism are contrasted with the confusion and multiplicity of Protestant sects. At Clarendon's request Owen answered this in 1662 in his *Animadversions*; and this led of course to a prolonged controversy. Clarendon now offered Owen perferment if he would conform. Owen's condition for making terms was liberty to all who agree in doctrine with the Church of England; nothing therefore came of the negotiation.

Sermon Notes

Guest Minister, Rev. D. Leonard Gulstrom

Job's Struggles with God
Job 9-10

Job reveals his struggles with God.

I. Job's troubling problems with God: 9:5-35

A. God causes disorder, vv. 5-10

B. God is invisible, vv. 11-13

C. God is too strong, vv. 14-20

D. God is unjust, vv. 21-24

E. Three ways out of these problems, vv. 25-35

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II. Job's agonizing questions for God: 10:1-22

A. Why are You against me? vv. 1-3

B. Why do You watch me? vv. 4-7

C. Why did You create me? vv. 8-17

D. Why don't You kill me? vv. 18-22



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, October 01, 2023, 4:00 p.m.



The Reverend Mr. D. Leonard Gulstrom, *Presiding*
Ruling Elder Mr. Jonathan Bergmann, *Assisting*

The Silent Preparation

The Announcements

The Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

* **The Hymn of Praise**

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

see bulletin

* **The Prooftext and Catechism**

Isaiah 58:13-14; Westminster Shorter Catechism #58

see Family Worship Guide

* **The Psalm of Doxology**

Psalm 100:1-5 - *Make a Joyful Noise*

Psalm 100D

* **The Pastoral Prayer**

The Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 9:16-29

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

* **The Worship of God with Our Offerings**

* **The Psalm of Adoration**

Psalm 72:9-15 - *Nomads Will Bow*

Psalm 72B

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

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Job 9 & 10

* **The Prayer of Application**

* **The Psalm of Response**

Psalm 94:1-15 - *God, the LORD, from Whom Is Vengeance*

Psalm 94A

* **The Benediction**

* **The Extroit**

see bulletin

* — *Please stand as you are able. Following Scriptural principle for public prayer (Neh. 9:2-4, 2 Chron. 20:5-13; Mark 11:25), we follow in the footsteps of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in standing for most of the public prayers.*

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mysterious way
 2. Deep in unfathomable mines
 3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
 4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,

His wonders to perform;
 Of never-failing skill
 The clouds ye so much dread
 But trust Him for His grace;

He plants His footsteps in the sea,
 He treasures up His bright designs,
 Are big with mercy and shall break
 Behind a frowning providence

And rides up on the storm.
 And works His sovereign will.
 In blessings on your head.
 He hides a smiling face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
 Unfolding ev'ry hour;
 The bud may have a bitter taste,
 But sweet will be the flow'r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 And scan His work in vain;
 God is His own interpreter,
 And He will make it plain.

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 William Cowper, 1774
 From *The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.)* 1990

DUNDEE. C.M.
 William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868
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Extroit: Psalm 117

(v.1) 1. Praise give the LORD, you nations all; All peo - ples, praise now bring.
 (v.2) 2. His lov-ing-kind-ness doth abound; His love tow'rd us is sure.

Ex - tol the LORD, you peoples all, Ex - tol Him —praise and sing!
 The LORD's great faith - ful-ness endures For - ev - er —praise the LORD!

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 Psalm 117:1-2
 From *The Seedbed Psalter*

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 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of October 01, 2023

THE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE is meant to be a resource for the families of Armor. This reading schedule is designed to take your family through the Bible in chronological order in 2023, so feel free to adjust this schedule to best fit your family. See Jonathan Rogers, one of our deacons, for further details. This schedule assumes that you have the Book of Psalms for Worship and includes this week's bulletin hymns and Psalms which we'll be singing the following week. If you miss a day, just pick up where you left off and catch up another day.

Weekly Memorization:

Isaiah 58:13-14

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #58

Q. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

Family Worship:

Monday:

Sing: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (10/01 AM bulletin)

Read: Luk 2:41-52; Mat 2-3; Mk 1:1-34

Prayer Request: Mission of the Month: Victor Zoletilo

Tuesday:

Sing: God Moves in a Mysterious Way (10/01 PM bulletin)

Read: Mk 1:35-45; Luk 3; Mat 4; Luk 4:1-30

Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 30B - O LORD, I Will Exalt You

Read: Luk 4:31-5:39; John 2:1-3:21

Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 119N - Your Word's a Lamp

Read: John 3:22-4:54; Mat 8:1-27

Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 73A - Yes, God is Good to Israel

Read: Mat 8:28-34; Mk 2; John 5; Mat 12:1-14

Prayer Request: Lost friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 92 - It's Good to Thank the LORD

Read: Mat 12:15-50; Mk 3; Luk 6:1-36

Prayer Request: For the Lord to prepare our hearts for the Lord's Day