

WORSHIP GUIDE

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

ALTHOUGH OWEN was formally united to Presbyterianism, his views were originally inclined to those of the Independents, and, as he acquainted himself more fully with the controversy, he became more resolved in that direction, though later he would return to Presbyterianism (as seen in his writings). He represented, in fact, a great number who, seeing the dangers of the Episcopacy, turned to the Biblical doctrine of Presbyterianism which was becoming quite prominent in England at the time. His views at this time are shown by his Duty of Pastors and People Distinguished. Owen remained at Fordham until 1646, when his position was given to someone else. He was now, however, becoming noticed, for on April 29th, he preached before the Parliament. In this sermon, and still more in his Thoughts on Church Government, which he appended to it, his tendency to break away from Presbyterianism was displayed.

The people of Coggeshall in Essex now invited him to become their pastor. Here he declared his change by founding a church on Congregational principles, and, in 1647, by publishing Eschol, as well as various works against Arminianism. He made the friendship of Fairfax while they were besieging Colchester, and urgently addressed the army there against religious persecution. He was chosen to preach to Parliament on the day after the execution of King Charles I, and succeeded in fulfilling his task without mentioning that event, and again on April 19th, when he said, "The time shall come when the earth shall disclose her slain, and not the simplest heretic shall have his blood unrevenged; neither shall any atonement or expiation be allowed for this blood, while a toe of the image, or a bone of the beast, is left unbroken."

Owen pinned his hopes for the reformation of church and society on Parliament's efforts to transform England into a protestant republic. In 1649, he joined Oliver Cromwell as his chaplain and travelled to Ireland to regulate the affairs of Trinity College; while there he began the first of his frequent controversies with Richard Baxter by writing against the Baxter's Aphorisms of Justification.

In 1650 he accompanied Cromwell to Scotland, and returned to Coggeshall in 1651. On October 24th, 1651, Owen preached before Parliament again and by March of the following year, Cromwell gave Owen the deanery of Christ Church, and made him vice-chancellor in September. In October of 1653, Cromwell summoned Owen and several other ministers to a consultation as to church union. By December of that same year, he had the honour of D.D. conferred upon him by the university.

Sermon Notes
Guest Minister, Rev. Ruurd Offringa
Gently Help One Another Bear the Burden of Sin
Galatians 6:1-5



The Lord's Day Evening
Sunday, September 17, 2023, 4:00 p.m.



The Reverend Mr. Ruurd Offringa, Presiding
Ruling Elder Mr. Gary Goeddert, Assisting

The Silent Preparation

The Announcements

The Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 105:4-6

*The Hymn of Praise see bulletin

O LORD, Our Lord, Thou God of Our Salvation

*The Prooftext and Catechism see Family Worship Guide

1 Samuel 3:13; Westminster Shorter Catechism #56

*The Psalm of Doxology Psalm 100:1-5 - Make a Joyful Noise

Psalm 100D

The Pastoral Prayer

The Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 16-29

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:9-15

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Worship of God with Our Offerings

*The Psalm of Adoration

Psalm 55:1-8 - Give Ear

Psalm 55A

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

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*The Prayer of Application

*The Psalm of Response

Psalm 96:7-13 - Ascribe Unto the LORD

Psalm 96D

*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.

O LORD, Our Lord, Thou God of Our Salvation

1. O LORD, our Lord, Thou God of our sal - va - tion,
 2. Out of the mouth of in - fants praise is sound - ed,
 3. *When I be - hold the skies Thou hast cre - a - ted,*
 4. Yet, lit - tle less than God; so hast Thou made him,
 5. Thou hast ap - poin - ted him as lord and mas - ter

How glo - r'ous is Thy name in all cre - a - tion!
 And so a might - y bul - wark Thou hast found - ed.
The moon and stars which Thou hast gen - er - a - ted,
 And Thou with glo - rious hon - or hast ar - rayed him,
 Of bird and beast in for - est, field, and pas - ture;

Thou who hast set Thy maj - es - ty on high
 Thus break - est Thou the ad - ver - sar - y's force
Oh, what is man that Thou wilt think of him,
 That o - ver Thy cre - a - tion he might reign;
 He al - so rules the crea - tures of the sea.

Be - yond the skies for man to glo - ri - fy.
 And thwart - est Thou the e - vil - do - er's course.
The son of man that Thou dost care for him?
 Thou hast as - signed all things as man's do - main.
 O LORD, how great is Thy name's ma - jes - ty.

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 Based on Psalm 8
 William W. J. VanOene, 1972 & William Helder, 1980

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 Genevan Psalter, 1542; harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564
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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*

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 From *The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.)* 1990

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of September 17, 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:

1 Samuel 3:13

For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #56

Q. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Family Worship:

Monday:

Sing: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (09/17 AM bulletin)

Read: Ps 137; Hag 1-2; Zec 1-4

Prayer Request: Mission of the Month: Dilert Regulas

Tuesday:

Sing: O LORD, Our Lord, Thou God of Our Salvation (09/17 PM bulletin)

Read: Zec 5:1-11:3

Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 28B - I Cry to You, O LORD

Read: Zec 11:4-14:21; Est 1:1-2:18

Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 119R - Your Testimonies I Have Kept

Read: Est 2:19-9:19

Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 55C - But as for Me, I'll Call on God

Read: Est 9:20-10:3; Ezr 7-9

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

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 96A - O Sing a New Song

Read: Ezr 10; Neh 1-3

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