Worship Guide

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



LTHOUGH 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 direc-

tion, 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 *Eshcol*, 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 Goeddertz, 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

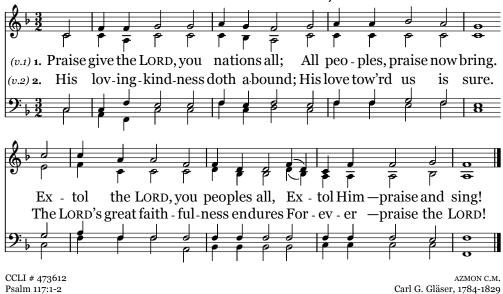
*The Extroit

* — 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



Extroit: Psalm 117



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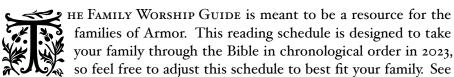
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From The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.) 1990

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of September 17, 2023



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