



Committed to Worship

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WHEN  
HAVE YOU  
JUMPED  
UP WITH  
EXCITEMENT?

## The POINT >

God deserves our worship and praise.

### > PSALM 99:1-9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns! Let the peoples tremble.  
He is enthroned between the cherubim.  
Let the earth quake.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted above all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great  
and awe-inspiring name.  
He is holy.

<sup>4</sup>The mighty King loves justice.  
You have established fairness;  
you have administered justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>Exalt the LORD our God;  
bow in worship at his footstool.  
He is holy.

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests;  
Samuel also was among those calling on his name.  
They called to the LORD and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees and the statutes he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>LORD our God, you answered them.  
You were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their sinful actions.

<sup>9</sup>Exalt the LORD our God;  
bow in worship at his holy mountain,  
for the LORD our God is holy.



# THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

## FACT:

Every autumn, our culture explodes with pumpkin spice. But did you know that the popular flavor has no pumpkin flavor at all. It's cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and clove.<sup>1</sup>



## LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // JESUS

Jesus lived for the glory of the Father and taught that we should do the same through lives of worship, service, and sacrifice.

We have many reasons to love the fall season: the leaves change colors, the weather gets cooler, and football season arrives. All across America, young men in small towns and big cities put on pads and helmets so they can play a game that borders on violence which has been approved by the adults in their lives. Fans pack into stadiums to cheer for what has become one of America's ultimate pastimes. The people watching these games are called fans—which is short for fanatics—and for good reason. Their behavior often borders on being excessive or obsessive, the meaning of the word.

When their team scores, fans simultaneously shout at the top of their lungs—thousands of people joining their voices in a mighty roar of approval. As they scream and cheer for joy, these fans jump to their feet, raising their hands in the air as a symbol of victory and celebration, praising the athlete who demonstrated his supremacy over those who opposed him.

At times, we all grow excited and lose ourselves in these kinds of celebrations. Each of us has an innate desire to give praise to the object of our love. We need to remember this—nothing and no one deserves our worship and praise more than God.

## PSALM 99:1-3

**1** How has God revealed His power in your life in ways that caused you to worship Him?

**2** Why is worship so important for us?



*In this life, we will face injustice. However, through it all, we can praise God because His justice and righteousness are now ours through Christ. #allinBSFL*

## PSALM 99:4-5

- 3** Where do you see injustice?
- 4** How is God calling you to work toward making right the wrongs you see around you?
- 5** How can you make sure to worship God for His justice, even though you see injustice in the world?

## PSALM 99:6-9

- 6** How does it impact you to know that God hears our prayers?
- 7** What are some answers to prayer that have moved you to praise God?
- 8** Why is it important that we live in obedience to God?



# LIVE IT OUT



## LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // JESUS

*Jesus lived for the glory of the Father and taught that we should do the same through lives of worship, service, and sacrifice.*

Glory refers specifically to our helping people see the truth about who God is. Jesus glorified God in the ways He lived—He was the perfect picture of God in human form. The reason God saves us is so we would reflect His character and goodness to others the ways Jesus did. When we worship God, serve Him and others, and make sacrifices so others would be blessed, God is glorified in our lives.

## > CHRIST

A healthy relationship with Jesus requires our understanding that He reigns and is rightfully the Lord of our lives. When we live in submission to Him, He is glorified.

**9** How do the ways you live demonstrate that Jesus is Lord of your life?

**10** What do you need to change in order to live in submission to Christ? How will you make these changes?

GOD

**JESUS**

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY  
& WORLD

## > COMMUNITY

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God calls us to praise His great and awe-inspiring name because He is holy. One way we do this is through our corporate times of worship as a church family.

**11** When you worship with your church, would you say that you offer God your very best in a way that God is glorified and others are moved to join you in praising Him? Why or why not?



**12** How will you commit to worshipping God more wholeheartedly through your church's corporate times of worship?

## > CULTURE

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In our culture, people worship many things other than God.

**13** List some objects of worship to which people devote themselves to other than God.

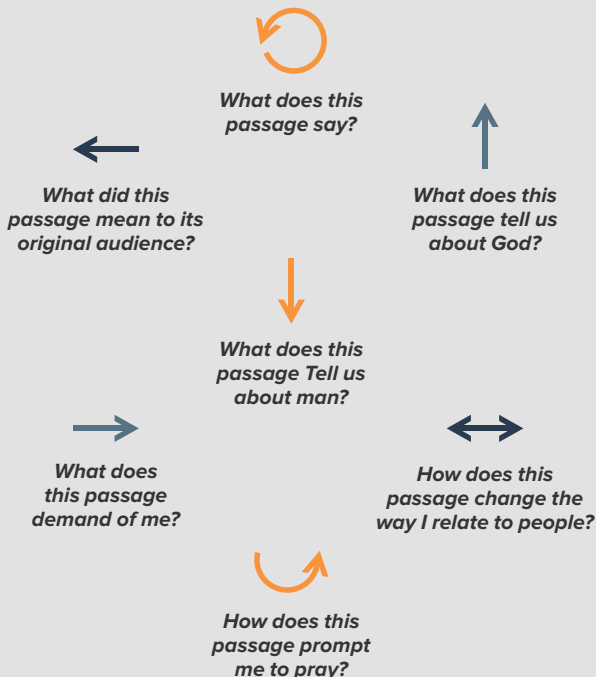
**14** Are you ever tempted to value these things over God? How so?

**15** This week, how will you help lost friends see that God is the only one worthy of our worship and devotion?

# DAILY DEVOTIONS



## The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



## Day One HEBREWS 13:10-11

Under the old covenant, the way in which God's people were called to worship was through the offering of sacrifices. The Day of Atonement, which was the most solemn day of the year among the Jews (similar to the way we see Good Friday), was the only day the high priest was allowed into the Most Holy Place and into the presence of God. The priest would perform elaborate ceremonial rituals that symbolized his being clean before the Lord, and then he would sacrifice two animals. A bull was sacrificed for his and his family's sins, and a goat was sacrificed for the sins of the people. Whereas God allowed certain sacrifices to be eaten by the priests, these sacrifices for the sins of the people were taken outside the camp and burned. Today, we are called to come into God's presence, but first we must be clean. We must surrender to Christ and remove sin from our lives—we are made clean only by the blood of Christ.

➤ **Why was it important that the priest remove the sin offering from the camp?**

➤ **How does Jesus' blood make us clean before God?**



## Day Two

# HEBREWS 13:12

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To be put outside the gates is to suffer rejection. When Jesus was crucified, He was forced to carry the wooden beam outside the gates of Jerusalem where He was hung upon the cross (Matt. 27:33). The sin offerings sacrificed on the Day of Atonement, which were burned outside the camp, were all along intended by God to point forward to Jesus. As the sacrifice for our sins, He was rejected and removed sin from among the people and bore our suffering for us. This is the only way we could be made clean before the Lord and forgiven for our sins.

- **What does it mean to be outside the gate?**
- **How does Jesus' sacrifice make it possible for us to be clean?**

## Day Three

# HEBREWS 13:13-14

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Jesus came to the world as the perfect picture of God in human form. He lived in perfect obedience to the Father, and He loved and served people in ways that we would never have imagined. Still, when it was all said and done, people rejected Jesus, and through the cross, He bore the ultimate shame on our behalf. If we want to be a part of God's family, then we must make the choice to live an outside-the-camp reality—to reject the things of the world and to be rejected by the world—just as Jesus did. This may seem like a tough choice, but the truth is that the world will not last. When we choose to let go of the world, it may seem difficult at the time, but what we receive in return is infinitely better.

- **What does it mean to go to Jesus outside the camp?**
- **How is it evident to you that the world is passing away? Why do we sometimes try to hold on to the world?**

## Day Four

# HEBREWS 13:15

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Whereas the people under the old covenant were called to offer up animals as sacrifices for their sins, today it is different. The sacrifice God requires from us today is “the fruit of lips that confess his name.” When we sing songs of worship to God, this is our sacrifice to Him. When we share our testimony of the ways God has impacted our lives with friends, this is our sacrifice. When we proclaim the gospel to those who need to know of the hope found in Jesus, this is our sacrificial act of worship to God. Day by day, we are called to commit ourselves continually to proclaiming the goodness of God—to Him, to others, and even to ourselves. Jesus bore our sins that we would be made right with God, and our natural response should be to tell of His goodness all the time.

- **List some ways that you offer a “sacrifice of praise” to God.**
- **How will you commit to confessing His name to others this week?**

## Day Five

# HEBREWS 13:16

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The life of a worshiper is not to be characterized only by telling of the goodness of God, but also through reflecting His goodness in the ways we live. If we come before God with worship, thanksgiving, and prayer, yet fail to live it out in the ways we relate to others, God is not pleased with us. The kind of worship that pleases God is the fruit of our lips—thanksgiving, praise, and testimony—which is then followed by a lifestyle of service and generosity toward others. If we truly want God to be pleased with us, we must live like Jesus.

- **How does your worship overflow in the ways you relate to others?**
- **What steps do you need to take to be more like Christ?**