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Words of Welcome

Psalm 96:1-4 (ESV)

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:1-10 (ESV)

- 1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.
- 2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.
- 3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.
- 4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."
- 5 And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."
- 6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,
- 7 again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."
- 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.
- 9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,
- 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

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Rejoice the Lord is King

Verse 1:

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:

Chorus 1-3:

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say,
Rejoice!

Verse 2:

The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:

Verse 3:

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Je sus giv'n:

Verse 4:

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:

Chorus 4:

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say,
Rejoice!
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say,
Rejoice!

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

Verse 1:

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Verse 2:

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious through the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Verse 3:

Crown Him the Lord of Lords,
Who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word
For ransomed sinners slain
Now lives in realms of light
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.

Verse 4:

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is given
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns
For He is King of all.

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Christ the True and Better

Verse 1:

Christ, the true and better Adam;
Son of God and Son of man.
Who, when tempted in the garden,
Never yielded, never sinned.
He, who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again.
Dying, He reversed the curse;
Then rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Verse 2:

Christ, the true and better Isaac;
Humble Son of sacrifice,
Who would climb the fearful mountain,
There to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar,
Father's joy and only Son;
There salvation was provided,
Oh what full and boundless love.

Chorus:

Amen, amen, from beginning to end.
Christ the story, His the glory;
Alleluia, Amen!

Verse 3:

Christ, the true and better Moses;
Called to lead a people home;
Standing bold to earthly powers,
God's great glory to make known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven,
See the waters part in two;
See the veil is torn forever,
Cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Verse 4:

Christ, the true and better David;
Lowly shepherd, mighty king.
He the champion in the battle;
Where O death is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered;
Crown Him Lord of majesty.
His shall be the throne forever;
We shall e're his people be.

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New City Catechism

12: What Does God Require in the Ninth and Tenth Commandments?

Full Answer

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

Children's Answer

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone.

Scripture

JAMES 2:8

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

Commentary

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Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness Against Thy Neighbour. Now dost thou, most gracious Lord, instruct me in this commandment, how I should use my tongue towards my neighbour, and behave myself concerning his name, forbidding me to bear false witness; in the which thou forbiddest me all kinds of slandering, lying, hypocrisy, and untruth. And why? Because, as “members of one body,” thou wouldest we should “speak truth one to another,” and be careful every one to cover others’ infirmity, and with our tongue defend the names of others, even as we would that others should defend ours: so that in this commandment, as thou forbiddest me all kind of evil, perilous, calumnious and untrue speaking, so dost thou command to me all kind of godly, honest, and true report and talk. . . . O how great a good thing is this unto me! If we consider the hurt that cometh by untruth, and by words wherethrough many are deceived, easily may we see a wonderful benefit and care of thee for us in this commandment.

Thou Shalt Not Covet. . . . Here, O most gracious Lord God, thou givest me the last commandment of thy law who having taught me what outward actions I shall avoid, that I do not thereby offend or undo my neighbour, as murder, adultery, theft, and false witness, now thou teachest me a rule for my heart, to order that well, from the abundance whereof all our works and words proceed, that I shall not covet any thing that is my neighbour’s. I know hereby that, if he have a fairer house than I, I may not wish for it; if he have a more beautiful wife than I, I may not desire her. . . . I may not desire to take from him his ox, nor his ass, no, not his dog, no, not the meanest thing he hath in his possession. So that, in the other commandments as thou hast forbidden all injuries and evil practice against my neighbour, so now thou chargest me to beware of thinking any evil thought against him. . . . The apostle said well, when he taught us, saying, “Cast all your care upon God, for he careth for you.” It is true, I find it true: thus thou “carest for us,” and wouldest have us to “care one for another.”

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Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)

Verse 1:

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
We call on Your name so holy
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor
In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior

Chorus:

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us

Verse 2:

For what You have done Your life of love
You perfectly lived we praise You
Though tempted and tried You fixed Your eyes
You finished the work God gave You
And there on the tree A King among thieves
You bled for a world's betrayal
You loved to the end Our merciful friend
How pure and forever faithful

Bridge:

For hearts that are cold for seizing control
For scorning our very Maker
In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior

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Sermon
Called to Glory, Caught in Shame

Isaiah 56-57 (ESV)

56:1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."

4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant--

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour-- all you beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. But they are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all.

12 "Come," they say, "let me get wine; let us fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure."

57:1 The righteous man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from calamity;

2 he enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness.

3 But you, draw near, sons of the sorceress, offspring of the adulterer and the loose woman.

4 Whom are you mocking? Against whom do you open your mouth wide and stick out your tongue? Are you not children of transgression, the offspring of deceit,

5 you who burn with lust among the oaks, under every green tree, who slaughter your children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion; they, they, are your lot; to them you have poured out a drink offering, you have brought a grain offering. Shall I relent for these things?

7 On a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed, and there you went up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the door and the doorpost you have set up your memorial; for, deserting me, you have uncovered your bed, you have gone up to it, you have made it wide; and you have made a covenant for yourself with them, you have loved their bed, you have looked on nakedness.

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- 9 You journeyed to the king with oil and multiplied your perfumes; you sent your envoys far off, and sent down even to Sheol.
- 10 You were wearied with the length of your way, but you did not say, "It is hopeless"; you found new life for your strength, and so you were not faint.
- 11 Whom did you dread and fear, so that you lied, and did not remember me, did not lay it to heart? Have I not held my peace, even for a long time, and you do not fear me?
- 12 I will declare your righteousness and your deeds, but they will not profit you.
- 13 When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you! The wind will carry them all off, a breath will take them away. But he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land and shall inherit my holy mountain.
- 14 And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way."
- 15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- 16 For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made.
- 17 Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.
- 18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
- 19 creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him.
- 20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt.
- 21 There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

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**All People That on the Earth Do Dwell
(Choir Special)**

Verse 1:

All people that on Earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Verse 2:

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Verse 3:

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Verse 4:

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Verse 5:

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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The Lord Almighty Reigns

Verse 1:

There's an endless song waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of every tongue
When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the land a multitude of praise
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder
Hear His people sing:

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

Verse 2:

We will join the feast, rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder
All the church will sing:

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

Verse 3:

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim,
Oh, that more would share the prize, salvation in His name.
Then greater will the anthem ring
A mighty chorus rising to the King:

Chorus (Alt):

Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

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Doxology

Verse 1:

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Benediction

Number 6:24-26 (ESV)

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.