

WORSHIP GUIDE

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

IN 1663, Owen was invited by the Congregational churches in Boston, New England, to become their minister, but declined. In 1665, Owen was indicted at Oxford by the Conventicle and Five Mile Acts for holding religious conventicles in his home. He escaped without imprisonment. However, like many other Puritan pastors, he returned to London to preach after the Plague and the Great Fire. After the Fire, he, as did other leading Nonconformist ministers, fitted up a room for public service and gathered a congregation, composed chiefly of the old Commonwealth officers. He engaged in ongoing theological battles against the Arminians and wrote several anonymous tracts on behalf of religious liberty as well as numerous edifying treatises for the spiritual growth of believers. His *Indwelling Sin, Exposition of Psalm 130*, and the first volume of his massive commentary on Hebrews were written during this period.

Owen's writing was incessant; in 1667, he published his Catechism, which led to a proposal from Baxter for union. Various papers passed, and after a year the attempt was closed by the following laconical note from Owen: "I am still a well-wisher to these mathematics." It was now, too, that he published the first part of his vast work upon the Epistle to the Hebrews.

In 1669, Owen wrote a one of my favorite works entitled *Vindication of the Doctrine of the Trinity* in which he defends the truth and coherency of the doctrine of the Trinity. Owen responds most explicitly to the heresy of "Socinianism," which holds that Christ did not pre-exist before being a man. Owen doesn't just defend the doctrine of the Trinity, he also calls for faith in it as well. To indicate the importance of the Trinity, Owen ends the treatise with an explanation of the satisfaction of Christ. For without the Trinity, Owen argues, there can be no doctrine of satisfaction of sins through Christ.

At home, too, he was busy in the same cause. In 1670, Parker attacked the Nonconformists in his own style of clumsy intolerance. Owen answered with excellence; Parker repeated his attack; Marvell wrote *The Rehearsal Transposed*; and Parker is remembered by this alone. At the revival of the Conventicle Acts in 1670, Owen was appointed to draw up a paper of reasons which was submitted to the House of Lords in protest. In this or the following year Harvard university invited him to become their president; he received similar invitations from some of the Dutch universities.

When King Charles I issued his Declaration of Indulgence in 1672, Owen drew up an address of thanks. This indulgence gave the dissenters an opportunity for increasing their churches and services, and Owen was one of the first preachers at the weekly lectures which the Independents and Presbyterians jointly held in Plummer's Hall. He was held in high respect by a large number of the nobility, and during 1674 both Charles and James held prolonged conversations with him in which they assured him of their good wishes to the dissenters. Charles gave him 1,000 guineas to relieve those upon whom the severe laws had chiefly pressed.

Sermon Notes

Guest Minister, Rev. D. Leonard Gulstrom

Zophar's Deceptive Offer

Job 11

Zophar offers Job a very deceptive offer of salvation.

I. A cruel accusation: vv. 1-6

II. A barbed challenge: vv. 7-12

III. A deceptive offer: vv. 13-20

A. The condition: vv. 13-14

B. The incentive: vv. 15-19

C. The warning: v. 20



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, October 08, 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 134:1-2

* **The Hymn of Praise**

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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 9:30-37

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 6:11-18

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

* **The Psalm of Adoration**

Psalm 73:1-12 - *Yes, God is Good to Israel*

Psalm 73A

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

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Job 11

* **The Prayer of Application**

* **The Psalm of Response**

Psalm 92:1-15 - *It's Good to Thank the LORD*

Psalm 92

* **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.*

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

With Christ with - in the doors,
 Join to ad - mire the feast,
 And en - ter while there's room,
 That sweet - ly drew us in;

While ev - er - last - ing love dis - plays
 Each of us cries, with thank - ful tongue,
 When thou - sands make a wretch - ed choice,
 Else we had still re - fused to taste,

The choic - est of her stores.
 "Lord, why was I a guest?"
 And ra - - ther starve than come?"
 And per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 Constrain the earth to come;
 Send Thy victorious Word abroad,
 And bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see Thy churches full
 That all the chosen race
 May, with one voice and heart and soul,
 Sing Thy redeeming grace.

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 Isaac Watts, 1707 Old Irish hymn melody; alt. 1990
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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 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 From *The Seedbed Psalter* From *The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.)* 1990

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of October 08, 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: There is a Fountain (10/08 AM bulletin)

Read: Luk 6:37-49; Mat 5-6

Prayer Request: Mission of the Month: Victor Zoletilo

Tuesday:

Sing: How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place (10/08 PM bulletin)

Read: Mat 7; Mat 9; Luk 7:1-35

Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 31B - In You, LORD, I Take Refuge

Read: Luk 7:36-50; Mat 11; Luk 11

Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 119J - Your Hands Created and Established Me

Read: Mat 13; Luk 8:1-39

Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 76A - God Is Truly Known in Judah

Read: Luk 8:40-56; Mk 4-5

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

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 91D - The Lion Will Become Your Prey

Read: Mat 10; Mat 14; Mk 6:1-29

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