



Weekly Family Devotions

Third Week of April, 2018



Psalm 60:12 – With God we will gain the victory, and he will trample down our enemies

Proverb 28:11 – The rich are wise in their own eyes; one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are.

Shorter Catechism:

Question 60: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

Answer 60: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; spending the whole time in public and private exercises of God’s worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.



Isaiah 58:13-14 - “If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, ¹⁴ then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.”

O Day of Rest and Gladness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Yr1iGGOlq0> – Listen to the music and singing hear. The lyric is on the last page.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60ASz48Mbnk> (Korean)



Children’s Song: “Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXmqCgCEWEo&list=PL8E245695AB920697>

Bible Lessons



“Sabbath Sanctified” (Nehemiah 13:15-22)

- What did Nehemiah see the people of Judah doing?
- What did he do to correct the situation?

Family Prayer



- Share Prayer topics for Family, Church, Friends, Missionaries, Nation
- Take turns in praying.
- When finished, hug each other.



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Nehemiah 13:15-22 (NIV)

¹⁵ In those days I saw people in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day.

¹⁶ People from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah.

¹⁷ I rebuked the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this wicked thing you are doing—desecrating the Sabbath day?”

¹⁸ Didn’t your ancestors do the same things, so that our God brought all this calamity on us and on this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath.”

¹⁹ When evening shadows fell on the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I ordered the doors to be shut and not opened until the Sabbath was over. I stationed some of my own men at the gates so that no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day.

²⁰ Once or twice the merchants and sellers of all kinds of goods spent the night outside Jerusalem.

²¹ But I warned them and said, “Why do you spend the night by the wall? If you do this again, I will arrest you.” From that time on they no longer came on the Sabbath.

²² Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy.

Remember me for this also, my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love.



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O day of rest and gladness,

Verse 1

O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright:
On thee, the high and lowly,
Through ages joined in tune,
Sing holy, holy, holy,
To the Great God Triune.

Verse 2

On Thee, at the creation,
The light first had its birth;
On Thee, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
On Thee, our Lord, victorious,
The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus on Thee, most glorious,
A triple light was giv'n

Verse 3

Thou art a port protected
From storms that round us rise;
A garden intersected
With streams of paradise;
Thou art a cooling fountain
In life's dry dreary sand;
From Thee, like Pigah's mountain,
We view our promised land.