

Wednesday Readings
Love God
ESV (unless noted)

Matthew 6:9 *Our*, 13 *For*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Psalms 111:10 (to understanding.), 2

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Jeremiah 29:11, 13-14 *I* (to Lord) (NKJV)

...I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD...

Daniel 6:1-2 (to Daniel.) 3-4 *Daniel* (to him), 5-12 *they* (to signed.), 14 (to in.), 16-18 (palace.), 19-23 (MSG)

Darius reorganized his kingdom. He appointed one hundred twenty governors to administer all the parts of his realm. Over them were three vice-regents, one of whom was Daniel. ...Daniel, brimming with spirit and intelligence, so completely outclassed the other vice-regents and governors that the king decided to put him in charge of the whole kingdom.

The vice-regents and governors got together to find some old scandal or skeleton in Daniel's life that they could use against him... ...they finally gave up and said, "We're never going to find anything against this Daniel unless we can cook up something religious."

The vice-regents and governors conspired together and then went to the king and said, "King Darius, live forever! We've convened your vice-regents, governors, and all your leading officials, and have agreed that the king should issue the following decree: For the next thirty days no one is to pray to any god or mortal except you, O king. Anyone who disobeys will be thrown into the lions' den.

“Issue this decree, O king, and make it unconditional, as if written in stone like all the laws of the Medes and the Persians.” King Darius signed the decree.

When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God.

The conspirators came and found him praying, asking God for help. They went straight to the king and reminded him of the royal decree that he had signed. At this, the king was very upset and tried his best to get Daniel out of the fix he'd put him in. The king caved in and ordered Daniel brought and thrown into the lions' den. But he said to Daniel, “Your God, to whom you are so loyal, is going to get you out of this.” A stone slab was placed over the opening of the den. The king sealed the cover with his signet ring and the signet rings of all his nobles, fixing Daniel's fate. The king then went back to his palace.

At daybreak the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. As he approached the den, he called out anxiously, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve so loyally, saved you from the lions?”

“O king, live forever!” said Daniel. “My God sent his angel, who closed the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. I've been found innocent before God and also before you, O king. I've done nothing to harm you.” When the king heard these words, he was happy. He ordered Daniel taken up out of the den. When he was hauled up, there wasn't a scratch on him. He had trusted his God.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

“Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

Psalms 27:4, 8 (MSG)

I'm asking GOD for one thing, only one thing: To live with him in his house my whole life long. I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet. You

have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

Psalm 135:1-3 *O*

O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for he is beautiful!

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

John 5:19-24 *Jesus* (MSG)

Jesus explained himself at length. “I’m telling you this straight. The Son can’t independently do a thing, only what he sees the Father doing. What the Father does, the Son does. The Father loves the Son and includes him in everything he is doing.

John 11:1, 17 *when*, 39 (to stone.), 41 *And*, 43-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ...when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

1 Chronicles 29:9 (to celebration), 13 (MSG)

And the people were full of a sense of celebration... To you, O GOD, belong the greatness and the might, the glory, the victory, the majesty, the splendor; Yes! Everything in heaven, everything on earth; the kingdom all yours! And here we are, O God, our God, giving thanks to you, praising your splendid Name.

Psalm 111:10 (to God.) (MSG)

The good life begins in the fear of GOD—Do that and you’ll know the blessing of GOD.

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340:9-12 (to 1st .)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: love God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole of man in His image and likeness.

9:17-18

Dost thou “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”?

183:21-23

Divine Mind rightly demands man’s entire obedience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made for any lesser loyalty.

167:11 (only to masters), 17

We cannot serve two masters... To have one God and avail yourself of the power of Spirit, you must love God supremely.

4:17-23

Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness.

x:19

Few invalids will turn to God till all physical supports have failed, because there is so little faith in His disposition and power to heal disease.

134:26-27 (to dead), 28

Jesus said: “I knew that Thou hearest me always;” and he raised Lazarus from the dead... There is divine authority for believing in the superiority of spiritual power over material resistance.

514:26-27 (to den)

Understanding the control which Love held over all, Daniel felt safe in the lions’ den...

17:7 *Love* (only)

...Love is reflected in love;

410:14-17

Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger. The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love.

Un 29:22-27

Often we can elucidate the deep meaning of the Scriptures by reading *sense* instead of *soul*, as in the Forty-second Psalm: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul [sense]? . . . Hope thou in God [Soul]: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God [my Soul, immortality]."

140:8-13

We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God. Religion will then be of the heart and not of the head.

Mis 50:27-1 (to Christianity)

The human affections need to be changed from self to benevolence and love for God and man; changed to having but *one* God and loving Him supremely, and helping our brother man. This change of heart is essential to Christianity...

239:16

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and obey as God. If divine Love is becoming nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is then submitting to Spirit. The objects we pursue and the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show what we are winning.

248:12-18, 21-32

The sculptor turns from the marble to his model in order to perfect his conception. We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought. What is the model before mortal mind? Is it imperfection, joy, sorrow, sin, suffering? Have you accepted the mortal model? Are you reproducing it?

To remedy this, we must first turn our gaze in the right direction, and then walk that way. We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

249:3 (let)

...let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

467:13

Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.

261:4

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

454:17-19

Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way.

143:26 *give*

...give to Mind the glory, honor, dominion, and power everlastingly due its holy name.

249:8-9

Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”

Mis 106:22

It has long been a question of earnest import, How shall mankind worship the most adorable, but most unadored, — and where shall begin that praise that shall never end? Beneath, above, beyond, methinks I hear the soft, sweet sigh of angels answering, “So live, that your lives attest your sincerity and resound His praise.”

497:5-6 *We*

We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God.

16:26-29

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

17:12-13

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.