

3/15/20 Sunday Home Church/Family Devotion

1. Gather together.

2. Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
we thank You for Your son Jesus,
we thank You for the blessings and protection of this last week,
we ask You to speak to our hearts and give us comfort as we devote this time to you,
Your will be done,
in Jesus name,
Amen

3. For this Sunday's Psalm, read Psalm 78, verse 1-39.

4. A message from your Pastor:

Good morning! I hope everyone has had a good week, in spite of everything. Let me preach to you a little bit.

Ya'll probably know this, but I work "out in the public". I noticed that, the further we went in the week, the more uneasiness I observed among people out and about. Forced laughs, nervous jokes, frantic purchases. Everyone watching the news...

Now as we've studied recently, being a Christian doesn't totally insulate us from dealing with the terrible things of this world. Nor does it relieve us of the responsibility to plan and prepare for things that come up in life.

(read Genesis 41, and consider-

1. How did Joseph get where he was
2. Where did the warning about the famine originate?
3. What would have happened had the warning been ignored by Pharaoh?
4. What would have happened had Joseph been slack in his work?
5. Where did the ability to prepare come from?)

One thing we as believers have (that the rest of the world does not) is a direct personal connection with THE Almighty God. Psalm 46 (1-3) says:

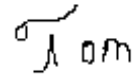
**God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
Even though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though its waters roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with its swelling. *Selah***

I encourage you to take advantage of it. We can have peace in a time of war, no matter whether that war be personal illness, family conflict, economic hard times, personal loss, or whatever. Much along the same lines, in Psalm 91, we read:

**He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, “*He is my refuge and my fortress;*
My God, in Him I will trust.”**

May everyone who reads or hears these words, and those in your household, abide under the shadow of the Almighty, and may his peace, love and protection be on each one of you.

In Christian love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish above the 'T'.

P.S. Don't forget to check on your neighbors, especially the elderly!

5. Say a prayer for:

John and Kathy N.
Steve W.
Jason, Michelle, and Hunter T.
Mary Ann C.
Dean and Doris H.
Don and Betsy C.
our government leaders
our military and their families