

Week of June 16, 2019

Family

DEVOTIONAL SHEET



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The Hearts of Man

Lesson Summary

Last week we learned about Cain and Abel — how Abel had a heart of worship and obedience to God, while Cain had a wicked heart. Abel's offering was acceptable to God, while God rejected Cain and his offering. Cain killed his brother, but while Cain bore the punishment for his sin, God showed him mercy.

The fact is, all humans are born with a wicked heart like Cain's. The Bible is clear that men's hearts are wicked (Jeremiah 17:9), that no one seeks after God (Romans 3:10-11), and that all have sinned (Romans 3:23). Unbelievers are all under God's judgment and deserve punishment in hell.

The fact that we are all sinners seems like very bad news, doesn't it? Yet, there is really good news. God sent His only Son, Jesus, into the world, so that whoever believes in Him can have a relationship with God. Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross paid the penalty of death for every-

one who will repent and believe in Him. Without Jesus we all are separated from God. But through true repentance and faith in Jesus, we can have everlasting fellowship with God and eternal life. And not only that, but God promises new hearts for those who trust in Christ and thereby become partakers of the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:33-34). We become new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17) and can walk in newness of life, no longer living as slaves to sin (Romans 6:1-7).

Monday — Read the following passages

1. Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about the unregenerate man's heart and his state before God?

- Genesis 8:21 -
- Psalm 51:5 -
- Isaiah 64:6 -
- Jeremiah 17:9 -

Tuesday — Read the following passages

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- Luke 18:19 -
- Romans 3:19, 23 -
- Romans 5:21 -

- Romans 8:6-8 -

Wednesday — Read Hebrews 8:6-12

1. There are at least four things that God promises to do for His people in the New Covenant. What are they?

Thursday — Read 2 Corinthians 3:4-17

1. What are some names the Apostle Paul gives to the Old Covenant and the New Covenant (vv. 7-9)?

2. What happens when a person turns to the Lord (vv. 15-16)?

Friday — Read Romans 6:1-14

1. What is true about those who are in Christ (vv. 4-7)?

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2. How are we to live (vv. 4, 12-14)?

3. What no longer has dominion or power over us (vv. 9, 14)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family each night.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Prayer - Thank God that though we are all sinners deserving His just punishment, He has provided Christ as the sacrifice for sin. Thank Him that through Christ we can be partakers of the New Covenant and have a new heart with new passions and desires, and that through Him we are no longer slaves to sin. Ask Him to continue His good work in you as He transforms you into the image of Christ.

Family Prayer Requests: