

## Memory Verse & Catechism

**This week's memory verse: Psalm 119:11**

I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.

**This week's catechism question: Spurgeon's Catechism Question 73**

### Question:

How is the Word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation?

### Answer:

That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence (Pro 8:34), preparation (1Pe 2:1-2), and prayer (Ps 119:18), receive it with faith (Hbr 4:2), and love (2Th 2:10), lay it up into our hearts (Psa 119:11), and practice it in our lives (Jam 1:25).



*"...to live is Christ, to die is gain." Phil 1:21*  
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**Prayer Meeting** this Wednesday (7/3). Dinner at 6pm, prayer meeting starts at 6:30.

**Baby Shower** this coming Saturday, July 6, 12:30-2:30, for Sidney Akridge. Please RSVP to Ana Campbell (727) 900-8745 or Debbie Williams (678) 517-3040 by Wednesday, July 3rd. See email for details.

**Communion and Fellowship Meal next Sunday.**

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**Sermon:** Ezekiel (Part 1), God in Exile

## Call to Worship

This is My Father's World (31)  
In You, Lord, I Refuge Take (Psalm 31d)

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 94

Amazing Grace (89)  
Still, My Soul, Be Still (67)

## Sermon: Ezekiel (Part 1), God in Exile

*Apocalyptic Texts:*

1. They address both present circumstances and the future.
2. They are filled with symbols and imagery.
3. Avoid overanalyzing every little detail of the symbols. Focus on the main message.
4. Interpret apocalyptic texts in light of the teaching of the rest of the Bible. (Clear interprets unclear.)
5. Their purpose is to encourage suffering believers and affirm God's ultimate victory.
6. Don't always force elaborate end-times schemes onto the text since the focus is God's justice and final triumph.
7. Remember, the goal is to discern the core theological truth being conveyed by the image, so as to avoid unwarranted speculation or overly literalistic readings.

**Main Point:** Ezekiel's vision of God leaving His Temple should both encourage and challenge us to truly trust and live for our Lord.

## I. Ezekiel Sees God in Exile - ch. 1.

## II. Ezekiel Sees Why God is in Exile - ch. 10 -11.

*See Ezekiel 8:6, 11:22-23*

### Application

1. We should respond like Ezekiel to the glory of God.  
*See Hebrews 12:28-29*
- 2) We should take God's warning about idolatry seriously.
- 3) We should not be jealous of Ezekiel's vision.  
*See 2 Corinthians 3:18*

### Conclusion

To God Be the Glory (19)

### Benediction