

From Matthew 9: ³²As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. ³³And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” ³⁴But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” ³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. ³⁸Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Sunday: Is there always a connection between physical ailment and demon possession? **Pray** that the Lord would bless Dallas, Tex., RPC’s kingdom expansion efforts with an exploratory work in the Mid-Cities area of the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex. **Pray** for Providence (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC and Pastor Steve Bradley. **Pray** for Phoenix (Ariz.) RPC, as it continues to face struggles; pray for wisdom and grace for Rev. Chris Myers and Elder Charles Shipman, and for all involved.

Monday: Who is the ruler of the demons? Praise the Lord that a family has joined Elkhart, Ind., RPC as communicant members, and **give thanks** for the baptism of their daughters. **Pray** for Covenant Fellowship (Wilkinsburg, Pa.) RPC, including its pastor, Dr. Pete Smith. **Pray** for Los Angeles (Calif.) RPC and its new pastor-elect, Alex Tabaka; **pray** that his transition to this pastorate would be a smooth one.

Tuesday: How did Jesus answer the accusation found in v. 34? (Read Matthew 12:22-30.) **Pray** for many at First (Durham, N.C.) RPC, including the session, who carry a deep burden for numerous unsaved family members. **Pray** for the raising up of a Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Nashville, Tennessee.

Wednesday: How does Jesus’ healing ministry relate to His primary work of teaching and preaching? **Please pray** for a family at Stillwater, Okla., RPC dealing with a particularly difficult conflict. **Pray** for the raising up of a Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Lexington, Kentucky.

Thursday: What does it mean to have compassion? Are people today like those described in v. 36? **Pray** that the building renovations at Atlanta, Ga., RPC would soon be completed. **Pray** for the growth of Birmingham (Hoover, Ala.) RPC, particularly that at least three new families would soon join this mission church.

Friday: Is it true today that the harvest is plentiful today? **Pray** for new families to join Treasure Valley (Meridian, Idaho) RPC, either locally or through relocation. **Pray** for Seattle (Wash.) RPC and its new pastor, David Whitmer. **Pray** for Christ Presbyterian Church (Grandview, Mo.), RPCNA congregation near Kansas City, and its pastor, Andrew Barnes.

Saturday: Who are the laborers to be sent into the harvest? Are you praying for the Lord to send them to Atlanta? **Please pray** with Elkhart, Ind., RPC as they ask the Lord to bless their witness, that they would see genuine conversions.

Pray that the Lord Jesus would raise up more preachers to be sent into His harvest. **Pray** that the service would go well tomorrow at Atlanta, Ga., RPC, and that many would attend.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day
October 22, 2023*

Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Psalm 84:10-12

*The Invocation

*Psalm 8A “O Lord Our Lord, in All the Earth”

Scripture Reading Isaiah 56:1-8; 58:13-14

*Psalm 26A “Judge Me, O Lord, For I Have Walked in My Integrity”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 27A “The Lord’s My Light and Saving Strength”

Scripture Text Mark 1:21-31; 3:1-5; Exodus 20:8-11

The Sermon “What Should You Do to Observe the Sabbath?”

*Prayer

*Psalm 48B “In Our God’s City We Have Seen”

*Benediction

*Psalm 103D “In the Heavens Has Jehovah Founded His Eternal Throne”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid. For I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.’”—Matthew 28:5-6. “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”—Colossians 3:2.

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath

appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

Sabbath observance is characterized by rest, worship, mercy.

I. Activities

A. Rest—from sinful activities; from worldly matters

B. Worship (and Religion)

1. Luke 4:16ff—reading and preaching of the word
2. Acts 2—preaching and baptism
3. Acts 20:7—preaching, Lord’s Supper, fellowship
4. Psalm 92:title—singing of praise
5. Luke 14:1-14—fellowship
6. Mark 1:21-22—teaching in the synagogue

C. Mercy and Necessity

1. Eating and drinking—Luke 14:1
2. Defending from both foreign and domestic enemies
3. Putting out fires
4. Visiting the sick
5. Relieving the poor
6. Preserving life of man and beast
7. Witnessing and counseling
8. Just plain resting—a good Covenanter nap

II. Manner of Performing These Activities

- A. With sincerity (Isaiah 58:13)
- B. With reverence
- C. With diligence and attention
- D. With love, fervor of spirit, delight, and joy

III. Before and After

- A. Preparation
- B. Afterwards

Application

- A. Don’t forget: rest, worship, mercy

B. How do your actions fit this pattern of rest, worship, mercy?

C. Be Christ-centered in your activities