

*Readings from Matthew chapter 19—October 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>25</sup> When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” <sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” <sup>27</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

*Sunday: Why is it so hard for a rich man to enter heaven?* **Pray** for a deacon to be raised up in Atlanta, Ga., RPC who can bring wisdom and insight to the many challenging diaconal needs in the inner city. **Pray** for wide distribution and acceptance in Pakistan of the publication *Our Firm Foundation: The Catechism and Confessions of Historic Reformed Churches*.

*Monday: Is there any difference between kingdom of heaven and kingdom of God?* **Please pray** for Springs (Colorado Springs, Colo.) RPC’s search for a new building; they have about a year to find and move into a new building. **Pray** with Stornoway (Scotland) RPC for opportunities to present the gospel.

*Tuesday: Is there anything that God cannot do? Read Genesis 18:25 and Hebrews 6:17-18.* **Give thanks** with Elkhart, Ind., RPC as they praise the Good Shepherd for His provision and care especially during this unprecedented season. **Pray** with Geelong (Australia) RPC for Crossroads Prison Ministry. **Pray** for God’s blessing on the Presbytery-wide day of prayer and fasting tomorrow.

*Wednesday: Why is it impossible for man to bring salvation?* **Give thanks** with Covenant Fellowship (Wilkesburg, Pa.) RPC for the new elders recently ordained and installed; **ask God** to give them wisdom as they shepherd the congregation and to use them to bless the community and encourage godly stewardship. **Pray** for Airdrie (Scotland) RPC, that it would soon be able to call a pastor.

*Thursday: Have you left all to follow Jesus?* **Pray** for God to open travel and employment doors for a young man from Christ Church (Floyd, N.Y.) RPC who is preparing himself for a return trip to Japan; **pray** that he will be a help to the congregations there. **Pray** for unity within McKinnon (Australia) RPC, where there’s vaccine acceptance, hesitancy, and opposition.

*Friday: Why are there twelve thrones? And what does it mean to judge the twelve tribes of Israel?* **Pray** with Oswego, N.Y., RPC for continued protection from the Delta variant of the coronavirus. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian ministry in Spain, particularly the work of Rev. Berrocal.

*Saturday: What does v. 30 mean?* **Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for recovery for

members who’ve tested positive for COVID. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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*The Lord’s Day*

*October 24, 2021*

Meeting every week at

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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)

Atlanta, Georgia

Worship at 3:30 PM

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## Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1-3

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 4

\*Psalm 23B

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 81B

“Hear, O My People! Israel: ’Gainst You I’ll Testify”

Scripture Text

Revelation 3:7-13

The Sermon

“Letter to the Church in Philadelphia” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 113A

“Praise Jehovah; Praise the Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

*\* 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

**“I and my Father are one.”—John 10:30. “Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”—Psalm 119:11.**

**Q. 44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us? A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.**

**Q. 88. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the outward benefits of redemption? A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer, all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.**

**Q. 89. How is the Word made effectual to salvation? A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.**

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Revelation 3:7-13 “Letter to the Church in Philadelphia” (Part 2)

Theme: Christ commends the faithful missionary church.

I. Blessing

A. “I know your deeds”—what a comfort Christ’s knowledge can be

B. Open Door

1. The blessing itself

2. The cause(s)

C. Superiority

1. Those who opposed the pseudo-Jews and the synagogue of Satan

2. Blessings—bow before your feet; Jesus loves these faithful ones

D. Perseverance

1. The cause: “Because you have kept the word of My patience”

2. The blessing: “I also will keep you ***out of*** the hour of testing”

II. Exhortations

A. “Hold fast”

1. The prologue—"I am coming quickly"
2. "Hold fast what you have"
3. ". . . in order that no one take your crown"

B. "let him hear"

1. He who has an ear
2. Jesus' discourses (Matthew 13:9); in these 7 letters, too

III. Promise

A. A Pillar

1. Promised to the one who overcomes
2. "I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God"

3. ". . . and he will not go out from it any more"

B. A Name

1. ". . . and I will write upon him"
2. Name of My God; name of the church; Christ's new name

Application

- A. Are you keeping Christ's word in all kinds of difficult situations?

B. Look to Jesus Christ as the One who opens and shuts doors

1. He does so in accord with His sovereign power
2. He does so as a result of His atoning sacrifice