

From Matthew 9: ¹⁸ While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.” ¹⁹ So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His disciples. ²⁰ And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹ For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” ²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour. ²³ When Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, ²⁴ He said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him. ²⁵ But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went out into all that land.

Sunday: **Why did Jesus accept worship from this ruler?** **Pray** for the young families at Covenant Fellowship (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC as they care for and train their little ones about the Lord. **Pray** for Wayne Sparkman, Director of the Presbyterian Church in America Historical Center, whose wife recently passed away suddenly.

Monday: **Why did the ruler come to Jesus?** **Praise the Lord** for the visitors who are worshiping with Elkhart, Ind., RPC and those who have voiced interest in membership. **Pray** for the meeting of Pacific Coast Presbytery tomorrow, that what is done would be characterized by love and humility, and result in justice and mercy.

Tuesday: **Besides the physical condition, what other problem did this woman have?** **Read Mark 5:25-29.** **Please pray** for members of Stillwater, Okla., RPC with serious medical conditions. **Pray** for the RP Japan Presbytery, that it would be encouraged and strengthened.

Wednesday: **Why did this woman have faith? Did she think that touching Jesus’ garment would work like magic?** **Pray** with Atlanta, Ga., RPC for at least an additional three families to join them by the end of the year. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC that it would soon have a pastor. **Pray** for Pastor Frank and Miss Penny as they travel Thursday through Saturday to Tennessee, where he will be giving an address at a 50th anniversary celebration of Westminster Presbytery (PCA).

Thursday: **Why did Jesus say the ruler’s daughter sleeping?** **Pray** that God would continue to build His church in State College, Pa., and that Grace RPC would be a blessing to the community. **Pray** for Rev. Gary Gunn and family, as they get ready to move from Pennsylvania so he can take up a ministerial position at Dallas (Tex.) RPC.

Friday: **What does v. 25 tell us about Jesus’ power? To what does it point forward?** **Pray** with Treasure Valley (Meridian, Idaho) RPC for various members dealing with chronic health problems or disease. **Pray** for Southwest Ohio (Mason, O.) RPC, including Dr. Dick Knodel, Pastor Steven Work, and Elders Tim Vincze and Scott Damerow, as they lead the congregation.

Saturday: **Are you like those who ridiculed Jesus, or one who has faith in Him?** **Pray** for First (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC as they begin to plan for their 150th anniversary next year. **Pray** for the Pattillos, as they travel tomorrow to Alabama where T.J. will be preaching at Birmingham RPC. **Pray** for the service tomorrow at Atlanta RPC, that many would be in attendance.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day
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574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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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

Psalms 84:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 8A “O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth How Excellent Thy Name!”

Scripture Reading

Job 2:1-10

*Psalm 25C

“The Lord Is Good and Just”

Pastoral Prayer

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

Scripture Text

I Corinthians 10:1-14

The Sermon

“What the Third Commandment Forbids” (Part 3)

*Prayer

*Psalm 115B

“O Israel, Trust Ye in the Lord”

*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

“When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.”—Psalm 126:1. “I and my Father are one.”—John 10:30.

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment? A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

Q. 56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment? A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

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.

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Theme: The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing or anything whereby God makes Himself known.

I. God’s Revealed Character

II. God’s Ordinances

A. Irreverence in attendance upon them

B. Slight and formal regarding them

C. Hypocrisy

D. Despising God’s ordinances

III. God’s Word

A. Treating the word disrespectfully—Jer. 23:33, 36; 36:20-32

B. Twisting the word into false doctrine

C. Misapplying the word

D. Not paying heed to the word (II Peter 3:3-4)

IV. God’s Works—creation and providence

A. Misuse in general

B. In prosperity—Hosea 13:6; Romans 2:4-5

C. In adversity

D. Trying to pry into God’s secret will (Deuteronomy 29:29)

V. Reason Annexed to the Third Commandment

A. Those who break it may escape punishment from men

B. God's punishment

C. Only one hope—Jesus, God's word come in the flesh