

Readings from Mark chapter 9—September 8th-14th, 2019

Sunday: 33 Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” 34 But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. **Pray** that you and your loved ones would not be embarrassed to tell Jesus everything about your lives. **Give thanks** for Pastor Phil Pockras at Belle Center (O.) RPC, who has ministered there for 34 years; **pray** for continued strength of body, mind, and spirit. **Pray** that this week, ARPC would be able to secure a meeting place for worship.

Monday: 35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” **Pray** for humility and a servant attitude. **Pray** for Clarinda (Ia.) RPC that it would commit to faithful men what is being taught so they will be able to teach others.

Tuesday: 36 Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, 37 “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.” **Pray** for the grace to be childlike. **Pray** that incoming students at nearby colleges would find the Terre Haute (Ind.) RPC and would become actively involved in the congregation.

Wednesday: 38 Now John answered Him, saying, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.” **Pray** that we would not be jealous of others. **Give thanks** for lives being changed through the preaching of God’s Word and the prayers of His people at Ottawa (Ont.) RPC.

Thursday: 39 But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.” **Pray** that Jesus Christ would be widely proclaimed. **Pray** for Denison (Kan.) RPC’s newly retired pastor, Ed Hindman, and his family as they adapt to this new chapter.

Friday: 40 “For he who is not against us is on our side.” **Pray** that the Lord Jesus would raise up many preachers and evangelists, to build His church. **Pray** for an evangelistic Bible study at Lisbon (N.Y.) RPC to be used by the Lord to draw people to Himself and into the fellowship of the congregation.

Saturday: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of sea; though the waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah. (Psalm 46:1-3). **Give thanks** for the Lord’s reign, and **pray** that He would demonstrate it in spectacular ways in Atlanta. **Pray** that visitors from Clarion County and the surrounding areas would worship with Rimersburg (Pa.) RPC. **Pray** that many folks would come to worship tomorrow at ARPC and trust in Jesus.

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 103:8-13

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

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II Samuel 11

*Psalm 32A

“O Blessed is the Man to Whom”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 143B

“Lord, Let My Prayer Prevail”

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Psalm 51

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“Plea for Forgiveness” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 51D

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

*Benediction

*Psalm 103D

“In the Heavens Has Jehovah”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—I John 1:9.

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”—Romans 3:23.

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created? A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. What is sin? A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Psalm 51:title-6 “Plea for Forgiveness” (Part 1)

Theme: David pleads for forgiveness and confesses his sin.

I. Plea for Mercy

A. plea itself

1. “Be gracious to me, O God”

a. “have mercy” is a cry of one who has no claim to favor

b. it’s a personal matter—“to me”

c. God alone can forgive sin

2. “blot out my transgressions”

3. “wash me thoroughly from my iniquity”

a. “wash me thoroughly”

(1) washing/cleansing is needed

(2) thoroughly—this sin is all-pervasive; affected everything

b. “from my iniquity”—Leviticus 15

4. “and cleanse me from my sin”—personal responsibility

B. basis for this plea

1. “according to Thy righteousness”

a. God is gracious (Psalm 103; I John 4:8, 16 [“God is love”])

b. God is a covenant-making God

2. “According to the greatness of Thy compassion”

Application—take comfort that you can be forgiven of your sins

A. God’s grace is sufficient to take away your sin and its guilt

B. God’s merciful and loving character give assurance that He will pardon your sin

C. Christ’s righteousness provides the sure foundation for forgiveness of sins

D. therefore, by faith, embrace the salvation that is found in Him