

Readings from Matthew chapter 10—January 17th-23rd, 2021

23 “When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! 26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.”

Sunday: How many examples of persecution in the Bible can you think of?

Pray for the Christian believers in China, including Hong Kong, who are under intense pressure. **Pray** for Topeka (Kan.) RPC, pastored by Brad Johnston.

Monday: Why did Jesus say that His followers should flee persecution? What other options are there? **Give thanks** for the safe homecoming of Eynne Mann in August after several months in the NICU; **pray** for Laramie (Wyo.) RPC as they continue to learn how best to support her family and the many needs Eynne has due to her premature birth. **Pray** for the Christian believers in Nigeria, who continue to be subject to attack by Muslims. **Pray** that Stephen Lewis would be able to enter Australia so he can begin teaching at Reformed Theological College in early 2021.

Tuesday: What is meant by the term “Son of Man”? Look at Daniel 7:13-14. **Pray** for the annual business meeting of Rose Point RPC (New Castle, Pa.) RPC scheduled for Saturday. **Pray** for the Christians in North Korea, a brutal regime.

Wednesday: To what was Jesus referring when He spoke of the Son of Man’s “coming”? [Hint: besides His second coming, in how many other ways does He come?] **Pray** with the Home Mission Board for the presbyteries that have struggled with planting churches in the southern region of the United States. **Pray** for our leaders and government officials, that they would kiss the Son and submit to Him, lest He destroy them. **Pray** for protection for the church worldwide. **Pray** for the details regarding the new building for the RP ministry in Nantes, France. **Pray** for Stranraer (Scotland) RPC, and **give thanks** for three new members there.

Thursday: How can we be like Jesus, our master? **Please pray** for Sabbath school teachers and students at Westminster (Colo.) RPC; **pray** for creativity and energy for teachers and for teachable hearts for the children; **pray** for the children to learn the gospel and understand how it differs from works righteousness.

Friday: What is meant by “Beelzebub”? To whom does the term refer? **Pray** for the Living Way RPC (Bryan, Tex.) as they prepare to host their fourth annual clothing giveaway event in February; **pray** for opportunities to share the gospel and pray with members of the community. **Pray** for those at ARPC who need jobs.

Saturday: Why should we not fear our persecutors? **Pray** for new families at Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC, especially those having young people to nurture. **Pray** that the RP congregations in Scotland would be kept spiritually strong

during these challenging times. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that the word read and preached would have great effect.

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The Lord’s Day

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

John 4:23-24

*The Invocation

*Psalm 94A

“God of Vengeance, O Jehovah”

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

*Psalm 119M “O How I Love Thy Law; It is My Study All the Day”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 34B

“O Come, My Sons, Give Heed to Me”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 5:12-15

The Sermon

“Mutual Duties in Thessalonica” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 59A [tune: “Amazing Grace”]

“Save Me, My God!”

*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

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”—Hebrews 9:27.

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first transgression? A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

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.

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

I Thessalonians 5:14-15 “Mutual Duties in Thessalonica” (Part 2)
Paul and company exhort the Thessalonians regarding mutual duties.

I. Pastoral Injunctions

A. Exhortation: “now we exhort you, brethren”

B. Warning regarding them that are unruly

C. Comforting the feebleminded

D. Supporting the weak

E. Being patient toward all

II. Evil and Good

A. “see that none render evil for evil to any man”

1. Scriptures: Rom. 12:17, 19; I Pet. 3:9; Lev. 19:18; Mt. 5:39, 44
2. Reasons

- a. Following the example of the Father—Mt. 5:45
- b. Following the example of Christ
- c. A soft answer turns away wrath
- d. Heaping coals of fire on his head—Rom. 12:20
- e. God is the Avenger—Dt. 32:35; Prov. 20:22; 24:19-20

B. “but ever follow that which is good . . .”

1. The good
2. Towards Christians—Gal. 6:10
3. Toward others—we’re to treat everyone equitably and fairly
4. Notice the word “follow”—hasten/run/press on
5. Always—all places, times, occasions, circumstances

Application

- A. We are responsible—therefore, how will you put this into effect?
- B. Don’t miss God’s grace in Christ
 1. The Lord Jesus Himself exemplified all of these characteristics
 2. He is the one by whose work the reality of the *eschaton* (the last days) has come about; or, the new age has dawned
 3. The Lord Jesus is the one who then gives us the grace to put these principles into practice
 4. But more than that, He is the one who enables our good works to be accepted before God