

Readings from Matthew chapter 9—December 6th-12th, 2020

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: **How does the ruler of the synagogue exhibit his faith in Jesus? Pray** with RP Global Missions for a family completing training before heading to South Asia; pray that borders would open and remain open for them to be able to travel to South Asia early next year. **Pray** that the visitors at Stranraer (Scotland) RPC would return, and be incorporated into the life of the congregation.

Monday: **What does Jesus’ response to the ruler tell us about Jesus? Give thanks** that no one has been afflicted directly with the coronavirus in the Belle Center (O.) RPC. **Pray** for the small group Bible study at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC.

Tuesday: **Read Luke 8:43-48. How desperate was the woman with the flow of blood? Praise the Lord** for the many babies’ lives that have been spared so far this year outside the Scottsdale Women’s Center in Detroit via Southfield (Mich.) RPC’s partnership with local OPC pro-life street evangelist Andrew Belanger; **pray** for even more lives spared and souls saved! **Pray** for repentance by our nation and our leaders for their corruption and idolatry; **pray** for godly rulers to be raised up.

Wednesday: **Read Leviticus 15:25-27. Could the woman ever be ceremonially clean, as long as she had this flow of blood? Pray** for new elders and deacons for Higashisuma RPC (Kobe, Japan) to be raised up from within its younger generations.

Thursday: **What do Jesus’ words to this woman (v. 22) teach us? Praise the Lord** with Sycamore RPC (Kokomo, Ind.) for the faithful preaching of the Word there each week. **Pray** for Mrs. Steven (Brenda) McCollum of Stornoway (Scotland) RPC, whose baby is due this month.

Friday: **Compare the attitudes of the ruler, the woman with the issue of blood, and the professional mourners. What are the possible responses to Jesus? Pray** for those in the Tusca Area RPC (Beaver, Pa.) who are in need of employment. **Praise the Lord** for the graciousness of a congregation that has opened its building to allow the North Edinburgh (Scotland) RP congregation to meet in it.

Saturday: **How does v. 25 teach us about who Jesus is? Pray** for wisdom for navigating the current and future impacts of COVID-19 on RP Missions. **Pray** for

the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that the Lord’s blessing would be evident.

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The Lord’s Day

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 34:18

*The Invocation

*Psalm 9B “Sing Praise to the Lord, Who in Zion Does Dwell”

Scripture Reading

II Peter 3

*Psalm 76A “God the Lord is Known in Judah”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 110 “Jehovah to My Lord Has Said”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 5:1-3

The Sermon “The Suddenness of Christ’s Coming”

*Prayer

*Psalm 54B “By Your Name, O God, Now Save Me”

*Benediction

*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12] “Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

** 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

“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.

“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”—Psalm 84:1-2.

Q. 10. How did God create man? A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment? A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

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

I Thessalonians 5:1-3 “The Suddenness of Christ’s Coming”
Theme: Paul instructs the Thessalonians regarding the suddenness of Christ’s return, in relation to the unbelievers.

I. The Times and Seasons

A. The times (*chronos*) and the seasons (*kairos*)

B. Brethren

C. You have no need to be written to

II. Sudden Appearance

A. For you yourselves know perfectly

B. That the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night

1. Day of the Lord

2. Comes as a thief in the night

a. Matthew 24:43; II Peter 3:8-10; Revelation 3:3; 16:15

b. Sudden; unexpected; no warning; unprepared

III. Sudden Destruction

A. For when they shall say, 'Peace and safety'

B. Then sudden destruction comes upon them

1. Sudden—Luke 21:34

2. Destruction/ruin/death—I Tim. 6:9; II Thess. 1:9; I Cor. 5:5

C. As travail upon a woman with a child

D. And they shall not escape

Application

A. Be aware: reject psychopannychia and dispensationalism

B. Be aware of the sudden, certain destruction of the wicked

C. Be warned that the wicked will be overthrown in their pride

D. Do pay attention to your relationship with God and your soul