

Readings from Matthew chapter 23—January 30th-February 5th, 2022

1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. 4 For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.'

8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Sunday: What is a disciple? **Pray** for the salvation of those participating in corporate worship with Ottawa, Ont., RPC who are dead in their trespasses and sins. **Pray** for new families to join Newry (Northern Ireland) RPC.

Monday: What is meant by sitting in Moses' seat? **Please pray** for Rose Point (New Castle, Pa.) RPC, as they may be electing one or more deacons soon. **Pray** for new families to join Galway (Northern Ireland) RPC, and **pray** for effective outreach through the Christian bookshop.

Tuesday: In what ways does Jesus condemn the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees? **Pray** for God to build up each member of Lafayette, Ind., RPC in love and service to Him and to each other. **Pray** for God to guide the elders at Frankston (Australia) RPC as it experiences growing pains.

Wednesday: If the scribes and Pharisees were hypocrites, then why did Jesus say to follow their teaching? **Please pray** that God brings quality workers to the RP Home so they can be fully staffed. **Pray** that India would not suppress the gospel.

Thursday: A phylactery was a small black leather cube in which was inserted Scripture verses. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:18-21. **Pray** for the new members of Orlando, Fla., RPC. **Give thanks** for four new members at Glasgow (Scotland) RPC, along with a child received upon baptism.

Friday: In vv. 9-10, Jesus is prohibiting our being bound by the teachings of men. Give three examples of how people violate His teaching here. **Pray** for the elderly members of Washington, Iowa, RPC throughout the winter as many of them must stay indoors; **pray** that they might be able to attend worship and that the rest of the congregation would find ways to minister to them during this time. **Pray** for God this week to provide a job to Nathanael Pockras in Australia so that he can support himself, his wife, and their baby who is due to be born very shortly.

Saturday: What does Jesus promise to the one who is humble? Are you humble? **Thank the Lord** for new members who joined Lisbon (N.Y.) RPC in the fall, as well as babies who have been born and added to the baptized roll of the church. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC, that many would come and be converted.

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The Lord's Day

January 30, 2022

Meeting every week at
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 96A

“O Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

*Psalm 147A

“Praise Ye the Lord, For It Is Good”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 149 “O Praise the Lord! O Sing Aloud a New Song to the Lord”

Scripture Text

Revelation 5

The Sermon

“Vision of the Book with Seven Seals” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

*Benediction

*Psalm 150B

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in His Sanctuary”

* *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

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”—Matthew 28:19-20.

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.

Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer? A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer.

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Revelation 5 “Vision of the Book of Seven Seals” (Part 2)

Theme: Creation worships the Lamb who is able to open the sealed book.

I. The Sealed Book—God’s eternal plan; sealed with 7 seals

II. The Lamb

A. The overcomer—Lion of the tribe of Judah; the Root of David

B. The vision of this overcomer

1. the 4 living creatures (cherubim) and the 24 elders (representatives)
2. He is a Lamb, as if slain—but still standing
3. He takes the scroll

III. The Worship

A. The 4 living creatures and the 24 elders

1. Their deep respect—they fell down before the Lamb
2. OT symbolism

- a. Incense—the prayers of the saints
- b. Harps → sacrificial system; prophetic office and work of the Spirit
- 3. Their song
 - a. A new song: “newness” → something that comes from God
 - b. The content of this song
- B. The angelic hosts [armies]
 - 1. Myriads of myriads; thousands of thousands
 - 2. “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” (7-fold blessing)
- C. All creation

- 1. How wide? In heaven, on the earth, under the earth, on the sea
- 2. Their praise

D. The conclusion—“Amen”; the elders fell down and worshipped

Application

- A. Never neglect worship or treat it with indifference or disrespect
- B. Always focus on the Lamb who was slain
 - 1. He is the sacrifice
 - 2. There is no hope without Him