

Readings from Matthew chapter 10—January 31st-February 6th, 2021

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; 36 and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. 40 “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Sunday: Why did Jesus say that He did not come to bring peace but a sword? **Pray** that congregants at Sharon RPC (Morning Sun, Iowa) who, for various reasons, are experiencing financial struggles would have the means to meet their most basic needs and would continue to use the resources that God has provided in a wise manner. **Pray** for the budding RP outreach in the Houston, Tex., area.

Monday: In what ways might one’s enemies in his own household? What might those enemies do or try to do? **Pray** with Orlando (Fla.) RPC for Jessica Schaefer as she continues to recover from COVID. **Pray** for Cynthia McNamee, who undergoes surgery Wednesday to remove two benign tumors; her husband Gary was just ordained to the ministry, called to Grace Reformed Church, Columbia, Mo.

Tuesday: What do Jesus’ words in v. 37 teach us about what our priorities should be? **Pray** for proper priorities. **Pray** that the Lord would build up Hudson/Saint-Lazare RPC (Vaudreuil-Dorion, Que.) in both holiness and numbers.

Wednesday: In what ways might we regard our family as being more important than Christ? **Read and reflect upon Deuteronomy 13:6-11; 21:18-21.** **Pray** that God would raise up more deacons for Lisbon (N.Y.) RPC. **Pray** for the raising up of an RP mission church in Starkville, Miss.

Thursday: What does it mean to take up the cross? Why does Jesus say that anyone who does not take up His cross is unworthy of Him. **Pray** that various congregational ministries at Russell (Ont.) RPC would bear fruit.

Friday: What should our attitude be to Jesus’ messengers? **Pray** for the body of Christ at Lafayette (Ind.) RPC to have good fellowship despite pandemic restrictions that limit personal contact. **Pray** for those at ARPC who need jobs.

Saturday: In what ways can we give a cup of cold water? **Praise the Lord** for over 60 babies spared through 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 the communion service tomorrow at ARPC, that it would be a glorious time of worship.

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The Lord’s Day
January 31, 2021

Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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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 65:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Jonah 2

*Psalm 51D

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 102A

“To This My Prayer, O Listen, Lord!”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

The Sermon

“Looking to God Always” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 86B

“Thy Way Teach Me, Lord”

*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! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”—Exodus 20:8.

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. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

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I Thessalonians 5:17 “Looking to God Always” (Part 2)
Paul, et al., exhort the Thessalonians to look to God in everything.

I. Rejoicing—rejoice evermore

II. Praying

A. Pray

1. What is prayer?

- Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God
- In the name of Christ
- With the help of the Holy Spirit
- For things agreeable to God’s will
- With confession of sins
- And thanksgiving for His abundant mercies

2. Patterns of prayer

- ACTS [adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication]
- The Lord’s Prayer

B. Without ceasing

1. An attitude of prayer

2. At all times

3. In all places

4. In all circumstances and affairs

5. Persistently—until the answer comes!

Application

A. Commit yourself to prayer

B. Pray in Jesus' name