

pneumonia; **pray** for full restoration. **Pray** for ARPC's service tomorrow.

*Readings from Matthew chapter 12—April 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

<sup>43</sup> “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. <sup>44</sup> Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup> Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.” <sup>46</sup> While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. <sup>47</sup> Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.” <sup>48</sup> But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” <sup>49</sup> And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

**Sunday:** **What is the problem with a man trying to clean up his life?** **Pray** for protection and peace during the pandemic and that Elkhart (Ind.) RPC will radiate the light of Christ during these difficult times. **Pray** for Birmingham (Ala.) RPC.

**Monday:** **What is Jesus teaching through the parable in verses 43-45?** **Thank God** that Stillwater, Okla., RPC has received a significant number of new members and visitors in the past year; **pray** for mutual growth in grace as they care for and nurture these people in the Lord; **pray** that God would continue to send people to the congregation. **Pray** for those in our congregation with health needs.

**Tuesday:** **Why is the state of the man worse at the end of the parable?** **Pray** for the building decisions that need to be made at Hillside RPC (Almonte, Ont.). **Pray** for Geneva College (Beaver Falls, Pa.), that it would be faithful to Christ.

**Wednesday:** **What is Jesus teaching through His words in verses 48-50?** **Pray** for the board members of the RPCNA Board of Education & Publication as they meet today and tomorrow; **pray** for godly wisdom for them, and that the publishing work would build up God's people in a world that needs biblical truth. **Pray** for Southwest Ohio RPC (Mason, O.), for growth in grace and numbers.

**Thursday:** **Read Luke 14:25-33. How does that passage relate to the passage for this week?** **Pray** that God would continue to guide College Hill RPC (Beaver Falls, Pa.) as they develop outreach to the community in the spring months while also navigating COVID-19 regulations and safety protocols. **Pray** for the ministry of McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

**Friday:** **In what ways might we be required to choose Christ above family?** **Pray** that the needed repairs and improvements for the Atlanta (Ga.) RPC's church building would soon take place. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC, including the work of Zach Dotson, the ministerial intern.

**Saturday:** **What does it mean to do the will of the heavenly Father?** **Pray** with Fulton (N.Y.) for Pastor Nick Iamaio as he contracted COVID-19 and then

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\*Benediction

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“Behold How Good a Thing It Is”

\* 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

“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”—*Psalm 127:1*. “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.”—*I Thessalonians 1:2*.

**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. 66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?** A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God’s glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

**Q. 67. Which is the sixth commandment?** A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

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I Thessalonians 5:26 “Duties of Holiness” (Part 2)

Theme: Paul and company exhort the Thessalonians regarding duties of holiness.

I. Plea for Prayer—“Brethren, pray for us”

II. Salutation

A. Greet all the brethren

1. *haspazomai* = to greet, draw to self, clasp, embrace

2. The brethren

3. All

B. With a holy kiss (*en phileimati hagio*)

1. Greeting people with a kiss was a common practice

2. A holy kiss

a. Romans 16:16; I Corinthians 16:20; II Corinthians 13:12; I Peter 5:14

- b. What does this phrase mean?
- (1) Contrast to Judas' kiss and a harlot's kiss
  - (2) It does have reference to . . .
    - (a) the saints [i.e., the holy ones]
    - (b) and something that is morally pure
    - (c) and a true love and devotion
  - d. We don't need literally to kiss each other

- A. Avoid coldness/harshness toward your brothers/sisters
- B. Appreciate the blessing of genuine fellowship
- C. Acknowledge the need to kiss the Son of God
- D. Affirm both the love and the truth—"A caring church affirming the truth"; truth clothed with love

Application