

Readings from Matthew chapter 13—May 30th-June 5th, 2021

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” 37 He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Sunday: Who is the Son of Man? Who are the good seeds? **Pray** for Marion, Ind., RPC as they return to a normal schedule for worship services; **pray** that night services would be well attended and an encouragement to those who come.

Monday: Who is the wicked one? In what ways is he evil? **Pray** that Bible reading and being renewed in the faith would continue and spread at Shelter (Edmonton, Alba.) RPC. **Pray** for Metro Atlanta Seminary professor Neil Gilmour and his wife, as she struggles with health issues. **Pray** for the Cush 4 Christ team in South Sudan.

Tuesday: What is meant by “the end of the age”? **Thank God** for the seven covenant children who became communicant members of Hope Community RPC (Beaver Falls, Pa.) at the beginning of this year; **pray** that God would draw them closer to Himself in the coming years. **Pray** that the Lord Jesus would grant wisdom and unity to Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian witness across the globe, including in The Gambia, Spain, India, and Bolivia.

Wednesday: What is the role of angels in judgment? Read II Thessalonians 1:3-10; Revelation 8:6; 14:14-20; 19:17-21. **Pray** with White Lake, N.Y., RPC that God would bless the congregation’s summer ministry and outreach. **Pray** for Trinity Church (Larnaca, Cyprus) as it prepares to elect new elders and deacons.

Thursday: In v. 41, how does Jesus describe the wicked? **Praise God** for the way He has upheld Laramie, Wyo., RPC during the pandemic, not only keeping them stable, but even growing His small flock there during this time. **Pray** for Kids Klub and Girls Group at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC, for spiritual growth for the participants.

Friday: How is the punishment of the wicked described in v. 42? **Pray** that the children at Marion, Ind., RPC will love Christ and grow strong in the Lord. **Pray** for the RP congregations in Australia, that people looking for a church would attend.

Saturday: What does it mean that the righteous will shine forth like the sun? **Pray** that North Hills (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC’s summer youth adventure trip will be used by God to challenge and encourage the youth of the congregation; **pray** that the logistics will go smoothly and that God will grant safety in travel. **Pray** for the ARPC service tomorrow; **pray** for those in our flock who need a place to live.

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The Lord’s Day

May 30, 2021

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements
Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions
The Call to Worship Psalm 135:1

*The Invocation
*Psalm 100A “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading Matthew 28

*Psalm 2 “Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?”
Pastoral Prayer
*Psalm 76A “God the Lord is Known in Judah”

Scripture Text Revelation 1:1-8

The Sermon “Greetings to Seven Asian Churches” (Part 1)
*Prayer
*Psalm 22I “All Ends of Earth, Rememb’ring Him”

*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

“Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.”—Proverbs 22:28. “But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”—Psalm 115:3.

Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect? A. The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment? A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

Q. 70. Which is the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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

Revelation 1:4-8 “Greetings to the Seven Asian Churches” (Part 1)
Theme: John greets the seven churches by the power of the Triune God.

I. Salutation

A. John—the apostle whom Jesus loved, who leaned on His breast, and author of John, etc.

B. “to the seven churches in Asia”

1. These churches were the most famous cities of Lesser Asia
2. Seven is significant—it keeps on appearing; number of perfection

C. “grace and peace”

1. The Word of God in Christ is actually blessing the people
2. Grace—the Spirit of Christ is exercising His powerful influence upon and within the elect so they become partakers of God’s salvation
3. Peace—grace and peace super-naturally go together

D. The Trinity

1. God—Exodus 3:14
2. The Holy Spirit
 - a. “before the throne”—the Spirit as He’s been poured out
 - b. “the seven Spirits”—the number of perfection
3. Jesus Christ—Jesus = Savior; Christ = Anointed One
 - a. The faithful witness
 - b. The first begotten of the dead
 - c. The prince of the kings of the earth

Application

A. Don’t be ashamed of the political and governmental implications of Christ’s kingship

B. Embrace the truth that Jesus Christ exercises this kingship because He is the Savior

C. Have you experienced God’s grace and peace?

1. There’s only one way of salvation (Jn. 14:6)
2. He—Jesus Christ—is our peace