

Readings from Matthew chapter 17—September 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." 10 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" 11 Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. 12 But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

Sunday: **What had happened six days previously?** **Pray** for the many young families at Second (Indianapolis, Ind.) RPC; **ask** that all of their children would be taught by the Lord and that great would be the peace of their children (Isaiah 54:13). **Pray** for the new Sabbath School at Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

Monday: **Who was Moses?** **Offer thanksgiving to God** with Russell, Ont., RPC for the purchase of a church building; **pray** for the renovations to be carried out safely and in a timely manner; **pray** that this building glorify God and be a welcoming place to reach out. **Pray** for Mike Heft, new elder at Nantes (France) RP Fellowship.

Tuesday: **Who was Elijah? How did he leave this earth?** **Read II Kings 2:9-12.** **Pray** for the ESL program at Bloomington, Ind., RPC. **Pray** for the RP Global Missions trip to Cyprus, working among refugees.

Wednesday: **Who was speaking from heaven?** **Pray** along with Oswego, N.Y., RPC that they will grow in their desire to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in every relationship of life. **Pray** for Mrs. Hamada, widow of a deacon at Kasumigaoka RPC (Kobe, Japan), who is studying for her baptism.

Thursday: **Why was this message from heaven a comfort?** **Pray** for God's blessing for unity and patience within Terre Haute, Ind., RPC as they respond to the vision of a new pastor and session. **Pray** for Rev. Harry Coulter, being installed tomorrow at Eniskillen (Northern Ireland) RPC.

Friday: **How was this message from heaven a confirmation?** **Pray** for the B family as they settle into their studies, team life, and home life in Central Asia. **Give thanks** for the new location for North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC.

Saturday: **Read Exodus 24:12-18; how does that passage parallel with this one?** **Pray** for the witness and ministry to the community at Salt and Light (Longmont, Colo.) RPC. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, for blessing on those who come.

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## Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-2

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 1A

“O Greatly Blessed is the Man”

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-17

\*Psalm 92C “It’s Good to Thank the Lord, To Praise Your Name, Most High!”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 139A

“Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me”

Scripture Text

Galatians 5:16-26

The Sermon

“The Fruit of the Spirit”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 143B

“Lord, Let My Prayer Prevail”

\*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

**“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”—Ephesians 1:22-23. “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. 37. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?* A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

**Q. 82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?* A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word and deed.**

**Q. 83. *Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?* A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.**

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*We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Steven Work. A graduate of Sterling (Kan.) College and Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pastor Work has pastored churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, California, and Kansas. Though retired from the pastorate, he remains active in ministry, serving as an elder at the Southwest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mason, Ohio, and Moderator of the Atlanta Commission.*

### Sermon Outline

A. Fruit, Not Just Weeds

1. Love

2. Joy

3. Peace

4. Patience

5. Kindness

6. Goodness

7. Faithfulness

8. Gentleness

9. Self-control

B. Life, Not Just Law

1. Justification

2. Sanctification