

From Matthew 27: ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ⁴⁷ Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.” ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Sunday: When were the sixth hour and the ninth hour? What was the significance of three hours of darkness? Please pray for the physically challenged, homebound members of Orlando, Fla., RPC. Pray for Anugraha (Bangalore, India) RPC, and also pray for the establishment of a presbytery in the next 7 to 10 years.

Monday: What language did Jesus use in v. 46? What is He quoting? Pray for the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS) as they begin a new academic year; pray that returning students would settle back in well and that new students would quickly acclimate to seminary life and responsibilities; and pray for the faculty and staff as they begin another year of teaching and serving the seminary community. Pray for Glasgow (Scotland) RPC, that it would be able to unite around a man whom they could call as pastor.

Tuesday: What is the meaning of what Jesus cried? Pray that God would use the men’s and women’s Bible studies at Grace (State College, Pa.) RPC to conform them more to His image and that they would grow in their love for Him. Pray for Birmingham, Ala., RPC, that it would grow and be encouraged.

Wednesday: What is the theological meaning of what Jesus cried? Why is it important for our salvation? Give praise with Dallas, Tex., RPC for provision of a new, larger meeting space. Pray for the ongoing building work at Nantes (France) Fellowship, that all would go well.

Thursday: To what Scripture passage is v. 50 referring? What is its theological importance? Pray for the ongoing building renovations at Atlanta, Ga., RPC. Pray for the meeting of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery being held Friday and Saturday.

Friday: What is the theological meaning of the veil of the temple being torn in two? Why is it important for our salvation? Pray for the new members and new Christians at First (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC; pray for the Lord’s guidance as they strengthen their faith. Pray for Gainesville, Fla., RP Fellowship, and for Prof. Tom Reid, who is leading the effort.

Saturday: How did God demonstrate the significance of what was happening (vv. 50-53)? Praise God with Westminster, Colo, RPC for their new pastor, Joe Smith. Pray for safety for those traveling home from the meeting of Great Lakes-

Gulf Presbytery. Pray for the service tomorrow at ARPC, that many would attend and that the preaching would be effective.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day
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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 100

*The Invocation

*Psalm 57B “O Be Exalted High, O God! Above the Heavens Stand”

Scripture Reading

Malachi 1:1-5; 4:1-3

*Psalm 8A

“O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 70C

“Hasten, O God, To My Rescue!”

Scripture Text

Obadiah

The Sermon

“The Vision of Obadiah” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 83B

“O Thou My God”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** 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

“Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.”—Psalm 114:7-8.

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”—I Timothy 1:17.

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

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. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

The prophet proclaims the destruction of proud Edom and the ultimate exaltation of the house of Jacob.

I. Sins

A. Pride (vv. 3-4)

B. Cruelty to God’s people (vv. 10-14)

II. Judgment

A. The Lord’s determination

B. Certain success in this war

C. Manifestation of vengeance (vv. 15-16)

D. Don’t think that you can hide from judgment

III. Deliverance for God’s People

A. Promise of salvation (v. 17)

1. Deliverance—escape; a type of redemption from sin

2. Sanctification/holiness

3. All-encompassing

B. Judgment via God’s people being fire/flame (v. 18)

1. It burns thru men’s hearts, and it consumes

2. This will be the reunited people of God

3. Enmity of two seeds

C. Possession of the land (vv. 19-20)

D. Spiritual significance (v. 21)

Application

A. Rejoice that we have a more sure word of prophecy

B. Take heart: there will be a triumph over the nations

C. What is your relationship to Christ’s kingdom

1. Is Christ your king?

2. Are you part of His kingdom?

3. Only if you are trusting in His blood and righteousness