

Readings from Mark chapter 13—December 8th-14th, 2019

Sunday: ⁵ And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He*,’ and will deceive many.” **Pray** for the members of the Elkins Park (Pa.) RPC’s young adult Bible study as they study in secular universities and invite friends to church and to Bible study.

Monday: ⁷ “But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of sorrows.” **Pray** for the new members of Living Way RPC (Bryan, Tex.) as they settle in to the life and ministry of the congregation and the RPCNA.

Tuesday: ⁹ “But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.” **Pray** that God would provide a pastor for Kasumigaoka RPC (Kobe, Japan). **Pray** for the RP Church of Australia’s congregations: Frankston, McKinnon, Geelong.

Wednesday: ¹⁰ “And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.” **Give thanks** that God has added two elders to Topeka (Kan.) RPC’s session: Jonathan Parnell and Kyle Reed. **Pray** for Pastor Sumito Sakai (Higashisuma RPC, Kobe, Japan), as he ministers to those who are seekers. **Pray** for the gospel to go forth with power and authority, in Atlanta, and around the world.

Thursday: ¹¹ “But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.” **Please pray** for the aging members at Westminster (Colo.) RPC, for their health as some of them battle various ailments and that they would continue to be involved in their favorite activities at WRPC; **give thanks** that there are so many babies in the congregation for them to hold and love.

Friday: ¹² “Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.” **Pray** that you would love Christ more than the members of your own family. **Pray** that the Lord would grant wisdom to the elders and deacons at Providence RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.) in carrying out their responsibilities.

Saturday: ¹³ “And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” **Pray** that those who are suffering for Christ would be given grace and strength to persevere. **Give thanks** for the numerous young children in Manchester RPC (New Kensington, Pa.), and **ask the Lord** to draw them all to Himself. **Pray** for the outreach event in Nantes, France, tomorrow. **Pray** for the services at ARPC tomorrow.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Galatians 1:3-5

*The Invocation

*Psalm 146A

“Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah!”

Scripture Reading

II Chronicles 31

*Psalm 49B

“They That Trust in Treasured Gold”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 3

“O Lord, How Are My Foes Increased!”

Scripture Text

Malachi 3

The Sermon

“Tithing” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 147A

“Praise Ye the Lord, For It is Good”

*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! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gift!”—II Corinthians 9:15.

“Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”—I Peter 2:17.

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requireth of man? A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience? A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

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

Malachi 3:7-12 “Tithing” (Part 1)

Theme: God commands tithing.

I. The Requirement of Tithing

A. what is a tithe?

1. 10% of gross, pre-tax income
2. Genesis 14:20 (implying that this was an established custom); Leviticus 27:30-33; Nehemiah 10:34-37; 13:10-13; II Chronicles 30:1; 31:4-6; Matthew 23:23

B. the teaching here in Malachi 3

1. general rebellion (v. 7a)
2. call to return (v. 7b)
3. robbery (vv. 8, 9b)
4. command (v. 10a): “Bring all the tithe”

II. The Object of Tithing (v. 10)

A. the church

B. specifically, the tithe was for . . .

1. the priests
2. the poor
3. the entire church budget is an appropriate object for the tithe

Application

A. do not think that you can buy your way into heaven

1. we are saved only on the basis of Christ’s blood
2. we are saved only through faith alone

B. be aware that the tithe is a good way of gauging our priorities

1. tithing gives recognition to the fact that we are merely stewards, not owners
2. it helps to demonstrate that our souls, and spiritual concerns, must come before our bodies and material concerns
 - a. concern for the welfare of the church
 - b. obedience to God’s commands
 - c. avoiding covetousness