

Readings from Mark chapter 13—December 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Sunday:** <sup>14</sup>“So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup>Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. <sup>16</sup>And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.” **Pray** that, God willing, by the end of the year, the Belle Center (O.) RPC will have many new babies and new adult members; **pray** for assimilation, for unity, for love, and for a wonderful witness to the world of the goodness of God in Christ.

**Monday:** <sup>17</sup>“But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>18</sup>And pray that your flight may not be in winter.” **Give thanks** for six babies born in Los Angeles (Calif.) RPC this year; **pray** that the congregation would uphold their vows and assist the parents in raising them unto the glory of God.

**Tuesday:** <sup>19</sup>“For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. <sup>20</sup>And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.” **Pray** that the church would be kept from persecution, here and abroad. **Give thanks to God** for the recent ordination and installation of the newest elder at Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC, Ernie Johnson, and **pray** for him.

**Wednesday:** <sup>21</sup>“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, *He is* there!’ do not believe it. <sup>22</sup>For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” **Pray** that we would be kept from false prophets and false religion. **Pray** for the new Sabbath school classes at Rose Point RPC (New Castle, Pa.).

**Thursday:** <sup>23</sup>“But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.” **Pray** for the pastor, elders, and deacons at the Syracuse (N.Y.) RPC, that God will keep them and their families from physical and spiritual illness, injury, and temptation and protect them from all attacks of the enemy.

**Friday:** <sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup>the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” **Praise God** for Christ’s power and glory. **Pray** for Dr. Rich Ganz, retired RPCNA minister in Canada.

**Saturday:** <sup>27</sup>“And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.” **Thank the Lord** for His provision at Sycamore RPC (Kokomo, Ind.) in a number of ways, including helpful deacons, a new roof, and backyard fellowships. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day*  
*December 15, 2019*

Meeting every week at  
574 Western Avenue  
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Worship at 5:30 PM  
Sunday School at 4:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:15

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 122B

“I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying”

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 9

\*Psalm 78C

“Yet in the Desert Still They Sinned”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 107D

“To Those Who Go to Sea in Ships”

Scripture Text

Malachi 3

The Sermon

“Tithing” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 119I

“According to Thy Word, O Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 117A

“O All Ye Nations of the Earth”

*\* 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.**

“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. 80. What is required in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.**

**Q. 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.**

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

Malachi 3:7-12 “Tithing” (Part 2)

Theme: God commands tithing.

I. The Requirement of Tithing—a tithe is 10% of gross, pre-tax income

II. The Object of Tithing (v. 10)

A. the church

B. the ministry and the poor; but also, the support of any legitimate activity by the church

III. The Blessings of Tithing

A. avoidance of the curse (v. 9a)

B. abundant blessing (v. 10b)

1. God asks for a trial!

2. see if He will not open heaven’s windows and pour out a blessing

3. blessing “that there shall not be room enough to receive it”

C. protection (v. 11)

1. from all sorts of natural catastrophes

2. “says the Lord of hosts”—including, armies of locusts/caterpillars

D. happiness (v. 12)

Objections to Tithing

The Theology of Tithing

A. tithing is an act of faith

B. the tithe is a token of God’s ownership

C. the tithe should be the minimum (II Corinthians 9:15)

D. all God’s people should tithe, including children

Application

A. try tithing

B. remember the role of the Lord Jesus Christ with respect to tithing

1. He is the Refiner, who came to purge His people

2. He is the true offering, sacrificed, and lifted up, before God

3. He gave not just 10%, but His whole self

4. His coming was the best blessing of all