

Readings from Mark chapters 12 and 13—December 1st-7th, 2019

Sunday: ³⁸ Then He said to them in His teaching, “Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, *love* greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹ the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.” **Praise the Lord** with Anugraha RPC (Bangalore, India) in the organization of the congregation and in the installation of their pastor and two ruling elders on November 24th; **pray** for the Lord’s continued blessing.

Monday: ⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. **Pray** for the Hetheron RPC (Johannesburg, Mich.), as they seek the Lord for His provision, regular giving, and faithful tithing among the members and adherents.

Tuesday: ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.” **Pray** that we would be generous in giving. **Pray** that God would abundantly bless Southfield (Mich.) RPC’s young married couples with faithful, fruitful, and joyful relationships; dating couples with purity and maturity as they prepare for the possibility of marriage; and young singles with patience, purity, diligence, and (according to His perfect will and timing) a godly spouse.

Wednesday: ¹ Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*” **Give thanks** for the Lord’s blessing upon the Ottawa (Ont.) RPC in recent months.

Thursday: ² And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” **Pray** for those at Rose Point RPC (New Castle, Pa.) with serious health issues that prevent them from enjoying the fellowship of God’s people each Lord’s Day. **Pray** for more elders for the RP Church of Australia.

Friday: ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?” **Pray** for a spirit of giving liberally to the Lord’s work at First RPC (Durham, N.C.). **Pray** for the potential of an RP mission work in Spain.

Saturday: “Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”—*Psalms 47:6*. **Pray** with the White Lake (N.Y.) RPC that the December outreach program would attract people from the community in whose hearts God desires to work. **Pray** that many people would come to ARPC tomorrow for the worship of God, and would gladly sing His praises.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
December 1, 2019

Meeting every week at
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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

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Nancy Catherine Pattillo

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“No Sacrifice Dost Thou Desire”

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*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be the Lord our God”

** 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

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”—Psalm 51:5-6. “Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.”—Psalm 51:7. “Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.”—Psalm 51:13.

Q. 94. What is baptism? A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Psalm 51:18-19 “Concern for Saints”

Theme: David expresses his concern for saints.

I. For Their Good (v.18)

A. “By Thy favor do good to Zion”

1. David had a concern for the social effects of his sin
2. “in Thy good pleasure”

B. “build the walls of Jerusalem”

1. this is a metaphor referring to the defense of Jerusalem
2. all the work and all the glory are ascribed to God
3. the wall of Jerusalem

II. For Their Honor and Fellowship (v. 19)

A. “Then Thou wilt delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering”

1. if God is reconciled, He will accept the material sacrifices
2. sacrifices of themselves
 - a. sacrifices of righteousness
 - b. burnt offering
 - (1) intended solely for God’s glory
 - (2) *olah*—root = to ascend, which points being totally consumed
 - (3) it is propitiatory
 - (4) it had to be a male, without blemish
 - (5) he who offered it became acceptable to God (Lev. 1:3)
 - (6) it was the morning and evening sacrifice

B. “then they will offer young bullocks on Thine altar”

1. not just rams and lambs, but bullocks, the costliest sacrifices
2. bulls were used in sacrifices
3. what does all this tell us?
 - a. bullocks were extraordinarily important in the sacrificial system
 - b. costliness in the people’s dedication to God
 - c. in the revitalized worship, God’s people are strengthened
 - d. all of the sacrifices as a whole are being alluded to

Application

A. do you have a concern for saints?

B. have you come to acknowledge how bad your sin is?

C. have you come to appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ?

1. David’s concern was for the coming kingdom
2. the sacrifices all point to that one great sacrifice at the cross