

Readings from Matthew chapter 23—February 13th-19th, 2022

24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! **25** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. **26** Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. **27** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. **28** Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. **29** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, **30** and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' **31** Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. **32** Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt.

Sunday: What is Jesus' point in v. 24? **Please pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary students in their studies; **pray** that they would balance their coursework and other life responsibilities well and that they would have good understanding and application of the course material. **Pray** for Sylvester Konteh, as he ministers at Grace Reformed Church in The Gambia and studies at RPTS.

Monday: What are ways in which we can look pure outwardly but be wicked on the inside? **Pray** for the individuals traveling to Pakistan this month to visit the Reformed Presbyterian churches in that nation. **Pray** for Rev. Marcelo Sanchez and the Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Batuco, Chile.

Tuesday: Is there a relationship between extortion and self-indulgence? **Pray** for Lafayette, Ind., RPC's eyes to be fixed on the Lord in the face of the trials and difficulties of this life. **Pray** for the RPC Canada Formation Committee, as it transitions congregations in Canada into this new branch of the global church.

Wednesday: What are examples of self-indulgence? **Pray** for members of Orlando, Fla., RPC who are ill and in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement. **Give thanks** for the three new people attending at Stranraer (Scotland) RPC; **pray** for the salvation of those who are not yet believers.

Thursday: According to v. 26, how do we get clean inside and out? **Pray** for encouragement and healing for several of the older members of Lisbon (N.Y.) RPC who have been experiencing ongoing health problems this winter. **Pray** for communion season at Stornoway (Scotland) RPC through Monday.

Friday: What are examples of hypocritical religious leaders? **Rejoice** with Christ (Floyd, N.Y.) RPC as they expect the imminent and safe return of Sudan interns, Ben and Tava Goerner. **Pray** for Rev. Kenneth Stewart as he considers the call from Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

Saturday: What do vv. 31-32 tell us about the dangers of generational

sinfulness? How can we avoid them? **Pray** that God would open up ways to expand the facilities at Bloomington, Ind., RPC. **Pray** for ARPC and the service tomorrow.

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*The Lord's Day
February 13, 2022*

Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 9B “Sing Praise to the Lord Who in Zion Does Dwell”

Scripture Reading Zechariah 6:1-8

*Psalm 18B “The Earth Then Quivered to Its Depths”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 11 “My Trust Is in the Lord”

Scripture Text Revelation 6:1-8

The Sermon “The Four Horsemen” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 43 “Defend Me, God, and Plead My Case”

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B “Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

** 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 as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’—Mark 14:22.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition? A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

Q. 102. What do we pray for in the second petition? A. In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

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

Revelation 6:1-8 “The Four Horsemen” (Part 2)

Theme: The conquering Christ triumphantly brings in the kingdom through all kinds of adversity.

I. The White Horse

A. The color white—victory; purity and righteousness

B. The bow—Christ shall via sharp arrows slay all his enemies

C. The crown—Christ is king

D. He went out conquering and in order to conquer

II. The Red Horse

A. The color → blood and war

B. Taking the peace out of the earth, via a great sword

C. Either warfare in general, or, religious persecution

III. The Black Horse

A. The color—death; refers to famine and its effects on the body

B. The balance/scales—symbol of scarcity and want

C. The cry from the center of the 4 living creatures

IV. The Pale Horse

A. The color—*chloros*; greenish sickly color

B. This horse bring Death—Hades was following him

Observations

A. The Lord directed and directs all these distresses and calamities

B. What are His purposes in doing so?

1. To purge

2. To put to the test

3. To protect against the combinations of nations in too great strength

Application—where do you stand with Him?