

outreach in The Gambia. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

Readings from Matthew chapter 12—March 14th-20th, 2021

⁹ Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. ¹⁰ And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him. ¹¹ Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out? ¹² Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³ Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other. ¹⁴ Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Sunday: What are some of the problems a person might have who has a withered hand? **Pray** for the Lord’s Spirit to bless Messiah’s Church (Clay, N.Y.) members’ service to their aging parents, some of whom know the Lord and others who don’t. **Pray** for the six young people at Frankston RPC in Australia who are considering church membership.

Monday: The purposes of the Sabbath are rest, worship, and mercy. How well are you keeping the Sabbath in accord with those purposes? **Pray** for Russell (Ont.) RPC’s shut-ins throughout this time of COVID. **Pray** for the new Sabbath School teachers, students, and curriculum at McKinnon RPC in Australia. **Pray** for folks in our flock in need of a job or a place to live.

Tuesday: Were the Jews in that synagogue asking Jesus in order to receive wisdom from Him; or, what was their purpose? **Pray** for those who travel long distances to come to worship at Lisbon (N.Y.) RPC, that they would be blessed by the travel time and that they would experience true Christian fellowship despite the distance. **Pray** for Enniskillen (Northern Ireland) RPC as it seeks to call a pastor.

Wednesday: What other animal illustration does Jesus use with regard to emergency situations on the Sabbath? [Hint: read Luke 14:1-6.] **Pray** for the new pastor at Salt and Light RPC (Longmont, Colo.), H. P. McCracken, and his family as they adjust to the community. **Pray** for Rev. Isaac Berrocal as he considers a call from the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Seville, Spain.

Thursday: In v. 12, Jesus is using a logical argument called “from the lesser to the greater.” Can you think of any other times that Jesus used a similar argument? [Hint: read Matthew 6:26, 30; 7:9-11.] **Pray** with White Lake (N.Y.) RPC for protection for those families affected by COVID-19. **Pray** for Carla Steele, wife of the pastor at Stranraer (Scotland) RPC, in her last month of pregnancy.

Friday: Can a man with a withered hand stretch it out? If not, then how was it that he was able to do so? **Pray** that God would use the elder training class of the Rochester (N.Y.) RPC to prepare men to minister effectively as future elders. **Pray** for North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC, as it has lost many members recently.

Saturday: Why did the Pharisees want to destroy Jesus? **Praise God** for the willing spirit of service in the members of Sparta (Ill.) RPC. **Pray** for the RP

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The Lord’s Day
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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 107A

“O Praise the Lord, For He is Good”

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 18:9-22; I John 3:24-4:6

*Psalm 143B

“Lord, Let My Prayer Prevail”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 119R

“Thy Testimonies I Observe”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 5:19-22

The Sermon

“Sensitive to the Spirit” (Part 3)

*Prayer

*Psalm 139C

“Thy Thoughts, O God, To Me Are Dear”

*Benediction

*Psalm 150B

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in His Sanctuary”

* 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

“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: “You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.””—*Leviticus 19:2*. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”—*Ephesians 2:8-9*.

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment? A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath day.

Q. 63. Which is the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

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

I Thessalonians 5:21-22 “Sensitive to the Spirit” (Part 3)

Paul and company exhort the Thessalonians to be Spiritually sensitive.

I. Quench Not the Spirit

II. Despise Not Prophecyings

III. Testing

A. Prove all things

1. *dokimazo*

- a. Used to refer to a self-examination (I Cor. 11:28; II Cor. 13:50)
- b. Can refer to testing via fire (I Cor. 3:13; I Pet. 1:7)

2. “all”

B. Hold fast that which is good

1. *katecho*—Luke 8:15; I Corinthians 11:2; Hebrews 3:6

2. “the good”

C. Abstain from all appearance of evil

1. *apecto*—keep away from

2. All appearance [or every kind] of evil

Application

A. Be sure you have the proper perspective for listening to the Word

B. Be aware of the great danger of those who despise prophecies

1. Akin to the unpardonable sin, viz., blasphemy against the Spirit

2. Hebrews 6:4-6; Genesis 6:3; Acts 7:51

C. Hold onto Jesus