

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!” 3 But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? 6 Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. 7 But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Sunday: Why were the Pharisees angry about Jesus and the disciples picking grain to eat on the Sabbath in verses 1 and 2? Pray for Orlando (Fla.) RPC’s elders and deacons as they lead and minister to the congregation.

Monday: What Old Testament book is Jesus referring to when he asks the Pharisees about reading David and the table of showbread in verses 3 and 4? Pray for the purchase of a building for Russell (Ont.) RPC and for renovations and fundraising efforts; pray for the sale of the previously purchased land.

Tuesday: What is showbread? Pray for family members of those in the Rochester (N.Y.) RPC who have not come to faith in Christ, that God would provide opportunities to witness to them and that He would open their hearts to believe.

Wednesday: Who is the “One greater than the temple” in vs 6? Pray for Southfield (Mich.) RPC’s ongoing evangelistic ministry of leading chapel services at the Christian Guidance Center (male detox facility) in Detroit, that seeds would be sown into good soil, producing an abundant harvest.

Thursday: How do the priests profane the temple on the Sabbath but are still blameless in vs 5? Give thanks that the Bloomington (Ind.) RPC was recently able to acquire additional property; pray that God would guide them as they consider how to expand their facility to accommodate the growing congregation.

Friday: Why does Jesus mention God wanting mercy and not sacrifice in verse 8? Pray for the many medical professionals at Second RPC (Indianapolis, Ind.) RPC, as many have worked long hours through the pandemic to care for those in need.

Saturday: What does Jesus mean about His Lordship over the Sabbath in verse 8? Pray that the Lord would bless all the reports and the decisions made by the Ridgefield Park (N.J.) RPC’s annual congregational meeting today.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
March 7, 2021

Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
Atlanta, Georgia
Worship at 3:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

John 14:1-3

*The Invocation

*Psalm 40C

“O Lord My God”

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 36:11-32

*Psalm 119B

“How Shall a Young Man Cleanse His Way?”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 119I

“According to Thy Word, O Lord”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 5:19-22

The Sermon

“Sensitive to the Spirit” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 119M

“O How I Love Thy Law”

*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

“For our God is a consuming fire.”—Hebrews 12:29.

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”—John 17:17.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”—Psalm 119:105.

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

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.

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

I Thessalonians 5:20 “Sensitive to the Spirit” (Part 2)

Paul and company exhort the Thessalonians to be Spiritually sensitive.

I. Quench Not the Spirit

A. Reference to the Third Person of the Trinity

1. Totally equal

2. Yet, He eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son

B. Do not quench/snuff out/douse

1. We can do so via disobedience

2. We can do so by means of turning away from the gospel

II. Despise Not Prophesyings

A. Despise

1. *exoutheneo* [Luke 18:9; Mark 9:12; Luke 23:11]

2. **NOT**

a. Don't treat these Spiritual realities with contempt

b. Positively, do respect them

B. Prophesyings/prophecies

1. *propheiteia*

a. *pro + feimi* (speak forth)

b. Three kinds of reference

(1) Charismatic utterances (I Cor. 14:29-30)

(2) The Scriptures (II Peter 1:20-21)

(3) Interpretation and application of Scripture in preaching

2. The meaning

a. The term seems to refer to the word of God as spoken forth

b. How can they be despised?

(1) Proud conceit of self-knowledge and/or self-righteousness

(2) Contempt of religion

(3) Refusal to sit under the preaching of the word

(4) Slothfulness/laziness

(5) A refusal to heed

(6) Submitting to counterfeit prophesyings

Application

A. Do you love the prophetic message of Scripture?

B. Do you love the Lord Jesus in relationship to this prophesying?