

From Matthew 6: ²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” ²⁵“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?” ³¹“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.”

Sunday: Why is it impossible to serve God and anything else? Please pray for Sycamore (Kokomo, Ind.) RPC's youth (who number 50 under the age of 18), that they would grow in grace and trust in the Lord. Pray for the meetings of Synod.

Monday: How does God take care of you? Do you thank Him for His care? Pray that the Lord would bring new families to Hetherton (Johannesburg, Mich.) RPC. Pray for the meetings of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery on Tuesday and Friday.

Tuesday: Reflect on this statement: “Why pray when you can worry?” Join the RP Home in praying for Shane Helton, director of spiritual support, as he continues to support the spiritual needs of the residents. Continue to pray for the meetings of Synod this week.

Wednesday: How does the world show its desires for material things? Pray that both physical and spiritual needs would be addressed through the Syracuse, N.Y., RPC's biweekly food pantry. Pray for Christ RPC, Grandville, Mo., in its struggles.

Thursday: Is Jesus teaching that we shouldn't go out and work for a living? Please pray for new deacons at Belle Center, Ohio, RPC, that they will have servant hearts as they minister to the physical needs in the congregation and teach God's people how to use their temporal blessings for eternal glory. Pray for Quinter (Kan.) RPC, that it would be effective in reaching its community with the gospel.

Friday: How do we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness? Pray with Oswego, N.Y., RPC for additional elders to be selected from the congregation at the next election in mid to late summer. Pray for safety in travel for those who will be returning home from Synod today and tomorrow.

Saturday: What does the last sentence of v. 34 mean? Pray with Fresno, Calif., RPC for the teachers and workers of the Pacific Coast Presbytery family conference on July 3–7; pray that God would prepare hearts of attendees and that He would also provide for the financial needs and for the time away from regular

commitments. Pray for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that the Lord would bless the preaching.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day
June 18, 2023

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
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Psalm

*The Invocation

*Psalm 147A “Praise Ye the Lord, For It Is Good”

Scripture Reading Luke 24:44-52

*Psalm 19A “The Spacious Heavens Declare the Glory of Our God”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 146A “Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah!”

Scripture Text Colossians 3:9-17

The Sermon “The Singing of Praise: Why We Sing Psalms Exclusively”

*Prayer

*Psalm 149 “O Praise the Lord! O Sing a New Song to the Lord!”

*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

“Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”—Psalm 47:6.

“Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.”—James 5:13.

Q. 43. What is the preface to the ten commandments? A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Q. 44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us? A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Q. 45. Which is the first commandment? A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment? A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

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

Theme: Paul instructs us regarding the content of worship song.

Introduction: Worship is Special, Dialogical, and Prescribed

I. The Content of Worship-Song

A. “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom”

1. Dwelling in you—a reference to something divine
2. The Word of Christ [not about Christ]
3. In all wisdom—from where does wisdom come?
4. The Word of Christ is equal to the Word of God

B. “psalms and hymns and songs which are Spiritual”

1. Spiritual (*pneumatikos*) = driven by/energized by the Spirit
2. *psalmos*, *hymnos*, and *odei* are in titles of the Psalms

II. Other Evidence

A. The Psalter is the hymnbook of the covenant community

B. The Psalter is the only hymnbook without error

1. You can sing the Psalms w/out fear of praising God wrongly
2. Songs will have on those who sing and listen to them

C. The only hymnbook that has the seal of approval of God

D. Only the Psalter has been fulfilled by Jesus Christ

1. He came in the flesh to fulfill all righteousness for us
2. The Psalms are a completely different genre
 - a. The Psalms breathe of Jesus and portray Him in ways that manmade hymns cannot
 - b. The Psalms are blood-stained, for Jesus’ sacrifice was necessary to fulfill them

III. Answering Objections

A. Various objections

B. None of these objections can demonstrate a command

Application

A. There is **no proof** for singing uninspired worship songs

B. Be humble regarding this matter

C. Sing praise to God in Christ

1. Treasure Christ's presence in the Psalms
2. Sing joyously by faith in Him