

Readings from Matthew 6—August 16th-22nd, 2020

1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. 5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Sunday: **What are alms? Give thanks to the Lord** for the newest communicant members of Hebron RPC (Clay Center, Kan.); **pray** that they might continue integrating well into the life of the congregation.

Monday: **What is a hypocrite? Give an example. Pray** for Westminster (Colo.) RPC's older members who are dealing with cancer or Parkinson's disease; **pray** that their strength, health, and faith stay strong and that they receive the care they need.

Tuesday: **What does it mean for your right hand not to know what your left hand is doing? Pray** for Russell (Ont.) RPC, that they would soon be able to gather again for worship. **Pray** for Pavel Bartos as he ministers in the Czech Republic.

Wednesday: **What is Jesus' main point in these verses? Pray** that the members of Clarinda (Ia.) RPC would be growing spiritually. **Pray** for Brandon Fisher as he works through his final semester at Reformed Theological College (Australia). **Pray** for the meeting of the Atlanta Commission tomorrow evening.

Thursday: **Is Jesus saying that we should never pray in public? When would it be appropriate to pray in public, and when would it not be appropriate to pray in public? Pray** for the members of Terre Haute (Ind.) RPC who work in healthcare, as well as for those who are currently in medical school. **Pray** for Birmingham (Ala.) RPC, that it would grow in grace and in numbers.

Friday: **Who are the heathen? Pray** for Westminster RPC (Prairie View, Ill.) in its search for the pastor God has planned for them in His time.

Saturday: **How can we pray in confidence? Pray** that Bloomington (Ind.) RPC's elders would have wisdom to lead the congregation through the difficulties created by the pandemic. Pray that the deacons would be quick to identify and address mercy needs within the congregation and community. **Pray** that many

would come to the service at ARPC tomorrow, and that those who need salvation would be converted.

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The Lord's Day

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Habakkuk 2:20

*The Invocation

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

Scripture Reading Jude

*Psalm 119R “Thy Testimonies I Observe”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 119Q “Judgment I Have Done and Justice”

Scripture Text I Thessalonians 3:11-13

The Sermon “Love Among the Thessalonians” (Part 2)

*Prayer

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

*Benediction

*Psalm 139C [stanzas 12-13] “Do Not I Hate Thy Foes, O Lord?”

* *Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. 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. “Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”—Psalm 47:6.

Q. 35. What is sanctification? A. Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification? A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

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I Thessalonians 3:11-13 “Love Among the Thessalonians” (Part 2)
Theme: Paul and his company express their desire that the love of the Thessalonian believers may overflow.

I. Overflowing love

II. Purpose

A. “to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father”

1. Establish

2. Your hearts

3. Unblameable (no blemish) in holiness (being set apart)

4. Before God, even our Father

- a. The end of sanctification is glorification
- b. It will be at the end of time that we will be made perfect
- c. We must all appear before God and His throne of judgment

B. “at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints”

1. This is the *parousia*
2. Our Lord Jesus Christ
3. With all His saints—cf. Jude 14

Application

A. Genuine love and holiness

1. Notice the idea of “genuine” love

2. Results in changed lives and holy living

B. Themes of conflict and triumph

1. conflict false gods and the God of the Bible
2. There is reality to the Christian faith
3. Christ will take vengeance on all His and our enemies
4. Make sure that you are found in the Lord Jesus