

From Matthew 7: ²⁴“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.” ²⁶“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” ²⁸And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Sunday: How does Proverbs 9:10 relate to Jesus’ words in v. 24? Give thanks for a new family joining Coldenham-Newburgh, N.Y., RPC. Pray for the ministers of the RPC of Australia to bring the word of God with power and clarity. Pray for Broomall (Pa.) RPC, Pastor Alex Tabaka, and Elders Alex Edgar and Joseph Rizzo.

Monday: What are the sayings to which Jesus is referring? Please pray for Houston, Tex., RPC’s congregational unity and fidelity to Scripture as expressed in the Westminster Confession and RP Testimony. Give thanks with Frankston (Australia) RPC in providing Nathaniel Pockras with a full-time librarian job.

Tuesday: Are there sayings of Jesus which you are following? If so, what are they? Give thanks with Washington, Iowa, RPC for the opportunity to have a presence at the local farmer's market this summer; pray that interactions at the market would bear fruit for the kingdom. Pray for those from Geelong (Australia) RPC who will be ministering with Serve Japan later in 2023.

Wednesday: Are there sayings of Jesus which you are not following? If so, what are they? Pray for Clarinda, Iowa, RPC’s elder members who are experiencing various health concerns, that they would be kept strong in body and soul. Pray for the students and professors at Reformed Theological College (Australia). Pray for Hetherton (Johannesburg, Mich.) RPC, that God would bring them through struggles.

Thursday: To what is Jesus referring when He speaks of rain, floods, and winds? Give thanks for the men who were elected to be new deacons in Lisbon, N.Y., RPC; ask the Lord to bless them in their service to Him, the church, and the surrounding community. Pray for the ladies’ outreach craft group at McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

Friday: Jesus is regarded as a popular religious figure. Do you think that the majority of people who think highly of Jesus know what He taught? (Why or why not?) Please pray for unity and wisdom for Bloomington, Ind., RPC as they consider plans to expand their church facility; give thanks that there is a need to do so. Pray for Grace & Truth (Harrisonburg, Va.) RPC, that it would grow. Pray for Trinity (Burtonsville, Md.) RPC, for peace and love in the congregation. Pray for Delmarva (Salisbury, Md.) RPC, that this mission church would grow and prosper.

Saturday: How did Jesus demonstrate His authority? What is the relationship between His kingship and His prophetic office? Pray for those of Salt and Light (Longmont, Colo.) RPC who are looking for new jobs or careers; ask God to bless them with obtaining new work, and guide them should they need to relocate to new

areas. Pray that the interest group in Little Rock, Ark., would develop into a church. Pray for many to attend the service tomorrow at Atlanta RPC, and be blessed.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day
August 6, 2023*

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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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship John 14:6

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100A "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Scripture Reading Romans 1:16-32

*Psalm 22H "To All My Brothers I'll Declare"

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 21B "Because the King Trusts in the Lord"

Scripture Text I Timothy 3

The Sermon "The Church and the Truth"

*Prayer

*Psalm 119T "I Cried With My Heart; O Jehovah, Give Ear"

*Benediction

*Psalm 117A "O All Ye Nations of the Earth"

** 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. "Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!"—Psalm 47:6.

Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment? A. These words before me in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

Q. 49. Which is the second commandment? A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment? A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

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

Paul proclaims that the church preserves and maintains the truth.

I. Truth

A. Truth is objective—outside of ourselves

B. In order to be able to communicate a message, you must be committed to the idea of truth

C. The Bible emphasizes the importance of the truth

1. Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Psalm 26:3; 85:10-11; 86:11; 91:4; 117:2; Proverbs 8:7; 22:20-21; 23:23; Isaiah 8:20
2. John 8:32; 17:17; Titus 1:1, 14; II John 1-2

D. The truth here is specifically the gospel of Jesus Christ

1. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"
2. The gospel is the most important truth

II. Pillar and Seat

A. The figures used

1. Pillar—a column or a post
2. Foundation

B. How does the church do these things?

Digesting what the Bible says
Declaring what the Bible says
Defending the Bible
Demonstrating its power via faithful and holy lives

III. The Church of the Living God

A. Church (*ecclesia*)—those called out of the world unto God

B. The church is also called the house of God

C. The living God

Application

- A. Never forget: you cannot have the church without truth
- B. Beware of false churches that do not maintain the truth
- C. Remember: the truth leads you to know the living God