

Readings from Matthew chapter 18—September 19th-25th, 2021

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. 6 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Sunday: What does it mean to be like a little child? Pray along with Denison, Kan., RPC for elderly members in care facilities and those with cancer or other afflictions. **Pray** for the Afghan women in an English class at McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

Monday: What does it mean to be converted? Give thanks that the services in Bloomington, Ind., RPC are being livestreamed, which has resulted in new people coming to the church. **Pray** for two new families at North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC.

Tuesday: What are ways in which a person can act like a tyrant toward a little one? Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon the new series through the Gospel of Mark at Hudson/St. Lazare (Vaudreuil-Dorion, Que.) RPC. **Give thanks** for the new, larger facility for Living Way (Bryan, Tex.) RPC and **pray** for resulting growth.

7 "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! 8 If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. 10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost."

Wednesday: Does Jesus intend for us literally to cut off our hand or foot? Pray for the youth of Sparta, Ill., RPC that they would embrace Christ and walk in His ways as they near adulthood. **Pray** for the RP mission work in Spain.

Thursday: What are examples of how we can sin by means of hand, feet, eyes? **Pray** for the members of the Lisbon N.Y., RPC to grow in their love for the Lord and in eagerness to share the gospel with neighbors and friends. **Pray** for the growth of Glasgow, Scotland, RPC.

Friday: Why does Jesus refer to hell as everlasting fire? Praise the Lord for watching over Salt and Light (Longmont, Colo.) RPC and their friends and family

who have suffered many incidents of illness, tumors, and other health issues in these last months; **pray** for continued grace with His healing power.

Saturday: What does v. 10 imply about the angels? Please pray with Lafayette, Ind., RPC for each of the many new members to be cared for and to find ways to serve the church. **Pray** for the establishment of an online Christian library at Geelong (Australia) RPC. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, for many to be blessed.

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The Lord's Day
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Meeting every week at
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

*Psalm 19B

“Jehovah’s Perfect Law Restores the Soul Again”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 25C

“The Lord Is Good and Just”

Scripture Text

Revelation 2:18-29

The Sermon

“Letter to the Church in Thyatira” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 2

“Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?”

*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

“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.

“Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.”—Psalm 51:13.

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requireth of man? A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 84. What doth every sin deserve? A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin? A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

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

Revelation 2:18-29 “Letter to the Church in Thyatira” (Part 1)

Christ warns the church not to tolerate immoral and mystical teaching.

Introduction

Thyatira—soldier-citizens; tradesmen; a buffer between warring factions

The church—Lydia, “seller of purple”

I. Commendation

A. General

1. Deeds—external actions of faith, and inward actions, too

2. “your deeds”—James reminds us of the importance of works

B. Particularly

1. Love

2. Faith—the root out of which grows these other Christian graces

3. Ministry—*diakonia* as expression of love and warm hospitality

4. Perseverance

C. The situation

1. Their works lately were better than those at first

2. Far from being stagnant, this church was growing spiritually

II. Problem and Warning

A. “But I have this against you”: how often in these epistles to the churches our Lord has to take them to task for their shortcomings!

Application

A. Be thankful for Jesus’ graciousness in issuing this warning

B. Be careful to avoid these pitfalls

C. Be looking always to Jesus for salvation!

1. He whose eyes are like a flame of fire

2. He whose feet are like burnished bronze

3. He who rules over the nations with a rod of iron

4. He who is the bright and morning star—the harbinger of the dawn