From Matthew 8: ²³ Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. ²⁵ Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

<u>Sunday:</u> Where is the sea of Galilee? Pray with Elkins Park, Pa., RPC that God would build His church in and among the Delmarva RP Fellowship in Salisbury, Md. Pray that the students from McKinnon (Australia) RPC would stay strong in their faith. Pray for the elders at Frankston (Australia) RPC to provide good pastoral care.

Monday: What does Jesus being asleep tell us? Give thanks to the Lord for the baptisms, memberships, and recent wedding at Christ (Riverside, R.I.) RPC, and humbly request more of the same as they reach out to share the gospel with their neighbors. **Pray** for suitable new premises for Stornoway (Scotland) RPC. **Pray** for protection of our brothers and sisters in China, as they face persecution for Christ. **Pray** for Lisbon (N.Y.) RPC, that the people would be encouraged and grow in faith

<u>Tuesday:</u> Why did the disciples wake up Jesus? Pray for Orlando, Fla., RPC's members in their personal devotions, that the Holy Spirit will guide and enlighten them. Pray that the needed new windows for the almost 200-year old building of Stranraer (Scotland) RPC can be installed before winter, and would be paid for. Pray for South Wake (Fuqua-Farina, N.C.) RP Fellowship, that their numbers would grow.

<u>Wednesday:</u> Do you call upon the Lord when you're afraid? Pray for the planning of Coldenham-Newburgh, N.Y., RPC's participation in local fall festivals around the community. Pray for Glasgow (Scotland) RPC during its time of pastoral vacancy. Pray for elders and deacons to be raised up in the RP church in Brikama, The Gambia.

Thursday: How does Psalm 77:16-20 relate to this passage? Pray for Houston, Tex., RPC's monthly evangelism. Pray for the Kids Club at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC which runs throughout the school year, that many children would come to Jesus. Pray for Selma (Ala.) RPC, whose building was destroyed by a tornado earlier this year, that it would have direction for its future ministry. Pray for the South Sudan Community Church, for growth in grace for its officers and its members. Pray for Westminster (Prairie View, Ill.) RPC and its pastor, Joshua Smith.

Friday: How does Psalm 93 relate to this passage? Give thanks for Lafayette, Ind., RPC's new associate pastor, Jon Sturm; pray that he would be blessed in his ministry, and that God would use him in members' lives to cause them to grow closer to Him. Pray for Gainesville (Fla.) RP Fellowship, that it would grow and be encouraged. Pray that the necessary funds would be raised for the new temporary church building for the RP church in Brikama, The Gambia. Pray for the RP congregations in Japan.

<u>Saturday:</u> Read Mark 4:36-41. Why were the disciples more afraid after Jesus calmed the storm? Pray that the Grace Ministry Center building where Clarinda, Iowa, RPC meets for worship would have better visibility in the community. Pray that there would be fruit from the ministry of a missions team at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC. Pray that many would attend the service at ARPC tomorrow and be blessed.

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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 without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."—I Timothy 3:16. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation."—Romans 10:9-10.

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.

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment? A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment? A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

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

The third commandment requires a reverent use of all by which God reveals Himself.

- I. The Reverent Use of God's Revealed Character
 - A. God's revealed character
 - 1. Names—God; Lord; Mighty One; Adonai; El Shaddai
 - 2. Titles—Lord of hosts; Holy One of Israel; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Creator; King; Father of mercies; God of salvation; God of peace; Fear of Isaac
 - 3. Attributes
 - a. Omnipotence—Revelation 19:6
 - b. Eternality and invisibility—I Timothy 1:17
 - c. Infinite wisdom—Psalm 147:5
 - d. Omnipresence—Jeremiah 23:24
 - e. Holiness—Psalm 99:6
 - f. Unchangeableness—Malachi 3:6
 - g. Mercifulness—Psalm 145:8
 - h. Love—I John 4:8
 - B. Making reverent use of it
 - 1. Making use of these things—we must think about God
 - 2. Making reverent use
 - a. Holy and reverent thoughts

b. Holy and reverent speech

Application

- A. How you can promote the reverent use of God's name?
- B. Rejoice in union with Jesus and His reverence
 - 1. John 17 is Jesus' high priestly prayer
 - 2. Notice the references to the name of God