

Readings from Matthew chapter 19—October 17th-23rd, 2021

¹³ Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” ¹⁵ And He laid His hands on them and departed from there. ¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” ¹⁷ So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ¹⁹ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁰ The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Sunday: **Why does Jesus bless little children? Join in prayer** with Fulton, N.Y., RPC for members still recovering from the coronavirus and the complications that arose. **Pray** that the young people at McKinnon (Australia) RPC would be committed to the Lord. **Pray** for Ballyclare (Northern Ireland) RPC.

Monday: **What do Jesus’ actions and words tell us about Him? Pray** for the Lord to raise up more church planters, as many people are crying out for RP church plants. **Pray** for at least one new family at Frankston (Australia) RPC. **Pray** for Belle Center (O.) RPC; **pray** for Pastor Phil Pockras, for health and strength for him and wife Judy.

Tuesday: **How can we bring little children to Jesus today? Pray** for Hillside (Almonte, Ont.) RPC, that they would grow back together and recover after COVID. **Praise God** for abundance of rain and growth of crops in South Sudan; **pray** for a great spiritual harvest of souls in that African nation.

Wednesday: **Given the fact that we are saved by God’s grace through faith, why does Jesus say that if you keep God’s commandments, you can enter into eternal life? Please pray** for Stillwater, Okla., RPC and their session as Stephen Mulder begins his ministry as a church planter in Oklahoma City; **pray** for unity, love, and growth in grace. **Pray** for the growth of Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

Thursday: **Why does Jesus tell the young man to sell all his possessions and give away his money to the poor? Pray** with Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC for Dr. Jeff Stivason as he teaches a full class load at RPTS while continuing in his role as pastor. **Give thanks** for the new covenant child at Glasgow (Scotland) RPC. **Pray** for the work of Tyndale International University, a Korean-language school in Los Angeles.

Friday: **Does the Bible teach that being poor is a virtue, or that God always blesses the poor? Pray** that God would bring new people to Hazleton Area, Pa., RPC. **Pray** for the development of Christendom Bible College, New Richmond, O.

Pray for the growth of Stranraer (Scotland) RPC.

Saturday: **Why did the man go away very sad? Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for Sabbath school classes, for both students and teachers. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many folks would attend, and that everyone would be reverent.

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements
Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions
The Call to Worship Colossians 3:1-3

*The Invocation
*Psalm 57B “O Be Exalted High, O God!”

Scripture Reading Isaiah 22

*Psalm 89F “But If His Sons Forsake My Law”
Pastoral Prayer
*Psalm 132A “Lord, Remember Thou for David”

Scripture Text Revelation 3:7-13

The Sermon “Letter to the Church in Philadelphia” (Part 1)
*Prayer
*Psalm 132B “For the Lord Has Sworn to
David”

*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

“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”—*Matthew 13:9*. “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”—*Ephesians 6:10*. “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”—*I Peter 2:17*.

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. 88. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the outward benefits of redemption? A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer, all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

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Revelation 3:7-13 “Letter to the Church in Philadelphia” (Part 1)
Theme: Christ commends the faithful missionary church.

Introduction

A. Philadelphia—“brother-lover”

1. A missionary city—spreading Greek language/manners
2. A place that was “full of earthquakes”

B. Introduction to the text

1. “And to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write”
2. Holy
3. True
4. The key of David—Isaiah 22

I. Blessing

A. "I know your deeds"

1. What a comfort Christ's knowledge can be
2. "deeds"—general reference, but, fleshed out by what follows

B. Open Door

1. The blessing itself
 - a. Wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel
 - b. God's grace creating willing hearts: Acts 14:27; I Cor. 16:9
2. The cause(s)
 - a. A little power
 - b. They kept My word
 - c. Not denied My name

C. Superiority

1. Opponents: those of the synagogue of Satan; pseudo-Jews
2. The blessings themselves

Application

A. Let's be a missionary church—i.e., by being a faithful church

B. Rely on the love of Christ

1. His love is the key
2. His love is overwhelming
3. His love enables us to have salvation
4. His love is of great encouragement to us