

*Readings from Matthew chapter 22—January 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. 27 Last of all the woman died also. 28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

*Sunday: Who were the Sadducees? Please pray* for Hope Community (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC's pastor, George Gregory, his wife Danielle, and their seven children; **pray** for God to provide times of rest and strength through the coming year, as well as an ever-deepening knowledge of His care and love. **Pray** for those who mourn.

*Monday: Since the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection, why did they ask Jesus about it? Pray* for the salvation of the 40 covenant children and youth at Ottawa, Ont., RPC. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian ministry in Pakistan.

*Tuesday: Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10. What was the purpose for having the brother of a deceased man marry the widow? Pray* for Kasumigaoka (Kobe, Japan) RPC's session while their pastor, Pastor Hirata, is in Northern Ireland for his Ph.D. studies; **pray** for those who are laboring during his absence, including Pastor Shigeru Takiura; Pastor Sakai; and Mr. Kato, a ruling elder. **Pray** for the growth of Anugraha RPC (Bangalore, India), and for its protection from religious persecution.

*Wednesday: What would happen if the brother would not marry his sister-in-law? Please pray* for continued patience of Westminster, Colo., RPC, as it seeks a pastor; **thank God** that several active and retired pastors from the area are regularly keeping the congregation fed. **Pray** for Immanuel (West Lafayette, Ind.) RPC, as its pastor has been suspended from duties of office pending his judicial trial in March.

*Thursday: What did Jesus say about marriage in heaven? Pray* that God would use the tragic and disruptive events from earlier this year to open doors for ministry and for RP Global Missions' workers in nearby regions; **pray also** for the protection of workers and for those seeking the truth of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for Albert Esselbrugge as he preaches on Sunday at McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

*Friday: Read Exodus 3:1-6. How does that passage prove the resurrection of the dead? Please pray* for Belle Center, Ohio, RPC's session as they deal with a difficult situation in one family. **Pray** for Reformed Theological College (Belfast, U.K.).

*Saturday: What other proofs are there of the resurrection? Pray* that God would give His blessing to North Hills (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC's ministry of counseling and discipleship to hurting people both inside and outside the church. **Pray** for Tyndale International University (Los Angeles). **Pray** for ARPC and its service tomorrow.

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*The Lord's Day*  
*January 9, 2022*

Meeting every week at  
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Atlanta, Georgia  
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

Psalm 107:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 29A “O Give to Jehovah, You Sons of the Mighty”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6

\*Psalm 18B “The Earth Then Quivered to Its Depths”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 24B [stanzas 1-6] “The Earth Belongeth to the Lord”

Scripture Text

Revelation 4

The Sermon “The Vision of God’s Throne” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 24B [stanzas 7-10] “Ye Gates, Lift Up Your Heads on High”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 103D

“In the Heavens Has Jehovah”

*\* 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

**“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”—Colossians 4:2. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”—Isaiah 53:6.**

**Q. 55. *What is forbidden in the third commandment?* A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.**

**Q. 97. *What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?***

**A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.**

**Q. 98. *What is prayer?* A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.**

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“The Vision of God’s Throne” (Part 2)

Theme: John sees the throne in heaven.

I. God and His Throne

A. God is pictured as the one who rules over all creation

B. Rainbow; lightning and thunder; seven lamps of fire; the sea

II. The Creatures Around the Throne

A. Twenty-four elders—symbolizing the church as a whole

B. Four living beings

1. Their description

2. These almost certainly are cherubim

III. The Worship Around the Throne

A. By the four living beings

B. By the twenty-four elders

#### Observations

A. God is sovereign over all: grace/nature; church/creation;  
gospel/science

B. In eternity, creation will be developed to its fullest potential

C. There's a continuum between worship offered by men and angels

#### Application

A. Remember the great blessing and privilege of being able to worship

B. Never forget that worship is to be God-given, not manmade

1. Worship is the drama—it needs no additions

2. Be careful you don't miss the point of worship

3. Be sure you don't miss its message, which is the gospel