

Readings from Matthew chapter 22—January 23rd-29th, 2022

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." 43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '? 45 "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Sunday: Why did the lawyer ask Jesus a question? **Pray** with Southfield, Mich., RPC that the Holy Spirit would raise up and set apart those of His choosing to serve as elders and deacons according to His perfect timing. **Pray** for two members of Hope Community (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC who are studying at RP Theological Seminary.

Monday: What does it mean to love the Lord? **Pray** that travel will be allowed to all RP Missions host locations, and **pray** for their host churches as they prepare for teams. **Give thanks** with Belle Center, Ohio, RPC for a good measure of healing for several members who underwent surgery this past year; **pray** for full healing.

Tuesday: Do you really love God? How do you know? **Pray** with Quinter, Kan., RPC for God to uphold Pastor Matthew Sexton as he meets with several persons who have questions about the Bible. **Pray** that those being taught by Sycamore (Kokomo, Ind.) RPC's pastor would be drawn to Christ and away from their addictions.

Wednesday: What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? **Pray** for the exploratory work of the Midwest Presbytery in Houston, Tex.; **pray** for the core families involved and for the development of local leadership as the group moves toward becoming a mission church. **Pray** for elderly members of Kasumigaoka (Kobe, Japan) RPC prevented from attending worship services due to the pandemic.

Thursday: Read Psalm 110. What does this psalm tell us about Jesus? **Give thanks** for more conversations recently between First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC and their Antrim Street neighbors; **pray** for these neighbors to believe in Jesus and come to worship. **Thank God** with Westminster, Colo., RPC for the 8 new members; **pray** for the regular visitors who are considering membership, and for the families that are raising young children or expecting little ones.

Friday: According to v. 43, by what means did David write his psalms? **Pray** that the Lord would honor the faithfulness of Topeka, Kan., RPC's Sabbath school teachers. **Pray** for more long-term workers for South Sudan.

Saturday: What is the answer to Jesus' question in v. 45? **Please pray** for the

students from Rose Point (New Castle, Pa.) RPC who will be returning to their various schools to start the second semester of their studies. **Pray** for several young people of Belle Center, Ohio, RPC who have strayed. **Pray** for ARPC's service tomorrow.

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

John 14:1-3

*The Invocation

*Psalm 145A
King”

“I Will Thee Praise, My God, O

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53

*Psalm 42A
Hart”

“As In Its Thirst the Panting

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 110

“Jehovah to My Lord Has Said”

Scripture Text

Revelation 5

The Sermon

“Vision of the Book with Seven Seals” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 40C

“O Lord My God”

*Benediction

*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

** 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

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.”—Psalm 42:1. “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.

Q. 56. *What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?* A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

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.

Q. 99. *What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?* A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer.

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Revelation 5 “Vision of the Book of Seven Seals” (Part 1)

Theme: Creation worships the Lamb who is able to open the sealed book.

I. The Sealed Book

A. With the One on the throne, in His right hand

B. A scroll, written inside and on back, sealed with seven seals

1. The number 7 points to perfection

2. The book represents God’s eternal plan

C. What was the problem?

1. No one could open the book or look into it

2. Application

a. All human efforts to bring about the kingdom will fail

b. Be as concerned as John about the redemption of believers

II. The Lamb

A. The overcomer

1. One of the elders offers comfort: “Don’t weep”
2. Description of this One in whom the comfort is obtained
 - a. The Lion that is from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:9-10)
 - b. The Root of David (Isaiah 11:1, 10; Matthew 22:41-45)
3. He conquered/has overcome, so as to open the book and its 7 seals

B. The vision of this overcomer

1. Between the throne and the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders
2. A Lamb, slain yet still standing; 7 horns and 7 eyes
3. He takes the scroll: His coronation, at the time of His ascension:
Hebrews 2:8-9; Philippians 2:6-11; Daniel 7:9-14

Application

- A. Affirm that all human efforts to bring about God’s kingdom will
 1. The U.N. will not bring peace on earth
 2. The U.S.A. is not mankind’s best and last hope on earth
- B. Remember that the atonement of Christ is at the heart of the coming of the kingdom
 1. There is a heavenly and salvation-oriented nature to the kingdom
 2. So, learn to embrace the one who is the Lamb who was slain