

Readings from Matthew chapter 23—February 6th-12th, 2022

13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. 14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. 16 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.' 17 Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold? 18 And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.' 19 Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift. 20 Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. 21 He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. 22 And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it. 23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”

Sunday: What are examples of how religious leaders can keep people out of heaven? **Pray** for First (Durham, N.C.) RPC as they use the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary's training video on mercy ministry and as they anticipate electing deacons this year. **Pray** for expectant mothers at Frankston (Australia) RPC.

Monday: What are examples of how religious leaders can mistreat widows? **Give thanks** for the many visitors to Bloomington, Ind., RPC; **pray** that they would become a part of the congregation. **Pray** for the politician and the churchman in Finland who are being prosecuted for maintaining Biblical morality.

Tuesday: Is prayer always a good thing (see v. 14; read Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 7:14)? **Pray** that the elderly at Winchester, Kan., RPC would be able to continue in worship and fellowship; **pray** for their health and that in this season they would flourish fresh and green (Psalm 92:14). **Pray** for Canada to be delivered from tyranny.

Wednesday: Is religious enthusiasm always a good thing (see v. 15)? **Please pray** for continued healing for members of Oswego, N.Y., RPC. **Pray** for the meeting of the Atlanta Commission tomorrow evening, for wisdom and insight for the elders.

Thursday: What are examples of religious practices and beliefs that are harmful? **Pray** for the construction of Russell, Ont., RPC's church building as the contractor begins work in February. **Pray** for Selma (Ala.) RPC and its need for a pastor.

Friday: In what ways can you be a fool? **Pray** for Christ Covenant (Lawrence,

Kan.) RPC as their 2022 preaching dives into Exodus; **pray** for them to see the Lord their Redeemer through this series. **Pray** for the raising up of a Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Louisiana.

Saturday: What are your priorities with regard to the law of God? **Give praise** for the faithful preaching of the Word at Tri-Lakes (Monument, Colo.) RPC through Pastors Joseph Friedly and Sam McCracken. **Pray** for ARPC's service tomorrow.

Atlanta

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Church

The Lord's Day
February 6, 2022

Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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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

Habakkuk 2:18-20

*The Invocation

*Psalm 110

“Jehovah to My Lord Has Said”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

*Psalm 45A

“My Heart Doth Overflow; A Noble Theme I Sing”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 2

“Why Do Heathen Nations

Rage?”

Scripture Text

Revelation 6:1-

8

The Sermon

“The Four Horsemen” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

*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

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”—Romans 3:23.

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”—Colossians 3:2.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

Q. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us? A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition? A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

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

Revelation 6:1-8 “The Four Horsemen” (Part 1)

Theme: The conquering Christ triumphantly brings in the kingdom through all kinds of adversity.

Introduction

A. The general scene

1. Chapters 4-5 picture the heavenly throne

2. The seven seals—unveiling God’s perfect plan

B. The Lamb begins to open/break the seven seals

C. The figure of horses and their rides is prominent in this section

D. Each of the 4 living creatures is involved

I. The White Horse

A. The color white

1. The color of victory
2. The color of purity and righteousness
3. The meaning—He is without spot or blemish

B. The bow

1. The Lord going forth for His people's salvation
2. The Lord sends forth convictions via His Word, like sharp arrows

C. The crown—showing that Christ is king

D. He went out conquering and in order to conquer

1. Participle → ongoing process; *hina* clause → purpose and perpetual activity

2. Portrait of Christ as He effects the kingdom is seen throughout
Scripture: Ps. 2; Ps. 110; Rev. 1:13ff; 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:5; 6:16;
11:15

Application

A. Rejoice in the sovereign rule of King Jesus

1. He is destroying all His and our enemies
2. His having won the victory at the cross—it's a mediatorial kingship

B. Make sure that you have closed with Him

1. Be certain that He is your Savior
2. Otherwise, He will be aiming His arrows straight at you