

**Reading from the Epistle of Jude—May 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<sup>5</sup> But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup> Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

**Sunday:** How did the Lord save His people out of Egypt? Continue to pray that the Lord would send families to Anugraha RP Church in Bangalore, India. Pray also that God would build His church through the many young couples and singles whom He has already drawn into their fellowship. Pray that many young men would be called to enter the Reformed Theological College in Northern Ireland in the fall of 2021.

**Monday:** What is being symbolized by the deliverance out of Egypt? Pray for Providence (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC’s ministry to the seminary students among the congregation, and that they would grow in their gifts and callings. Pray for Rev. Stephen McCollum, pastor of Stornoway (Scotland) RPC, as he preaches on Isles FM (local radio).

**Tuesday:** What people are going to be destroyed (v. 5)? Give thanks for the results from the recent fundraising efforts for the building fund at Atlanta (Ga.) RPC; pray that a significant amount of additional funds would be added over the next several months.

**Wednesday:** When the wicked angels rebelled against God, whom were they following? Give thanks for two young boys who are interested in coming before Syracuse (N.Y.) RPC’s session to become communing members.

**Thursday:** Who was Moses? What happened to his body? Pray that governmental tyranny would not thwart the church. Pray for the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery commission overseeing the Louisville, Ky., church plant.

**Friday:** What does God think of homosexuality and lesbianism? Pray for the maturity of Oswego (N.Y.) RPC’s next generation of church membership.

**Saturday:** What happens to cities and societies that rebel against God? Pray for Fresno (Calif.) RPC’s oldest member, Evelyn Webster, looking toward her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday in June, but who would candidly prefer to celebrate it with the Lord in heaven. Pray that we all would be given wisdom and patience as we age, and that we might grow in the sure hope of heaven. Pray for the services at

ARPC tomorrow.

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*The Lord’s Day*

*May 24, 2020*

Meeting every week at  
574 Western Avenue  
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)  
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 148:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 9B “Sing Praise to the Lord, Who in Zion Does Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:23-12:2

\*Psalm 140A [tune: New Britain] “From Men of Greed and Violence”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 35A “Plead, Lord, Against Contending Foes”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 2:13-16

The Sermon “A Genuine Response” (Part 2: Following Genuinely)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 119V “The Princes Causelessly Pursue”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 68E “O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

*\* Congregation will please stand.*

**We are so glad that you could join us today!** This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”—John 1:12.**

**Q. 24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

**Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest? A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.**

**Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king? A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

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

“A Genuine Response” (Part 2: Following Genuinely)

Theme: Paul and his companions demonstrate the genuineness of the Thessalonians in receiving the apostolic message.

I. Receiving the Message

A. Thankfulness

B. the Word of God

II. Following Genuinely

A. Following

1. “for you, brethren”

2. “became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus which are in Judea”

A. Suffering

1. “for you also have suffered the same things from your own countrymen”

2. “even as they have of the Jews”

3. examples of Christian martyrdom

4. why does God allow martyrdom to happen?
  - a. to try the faith of those who claim to be Christ's
  - b. to purge from sin and self-reliance
  - c. so the blood of the martyrs can be the seed of the church
  - d. to demonstrate the truth of the gospel
  - e. to fill up the wrath of God's enemies whom He will destroy

#### Application

- A. are you willing to be martyred for the sake of Jesus?
  1. Jesus said that we must love Him more than life itself

2. if He is our faithful Savior, can we deny Him?

B. beware the temptations that come short of martyrdom

- C. the issue has to do with the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
1. His being the Savior, who died on the cross, and in whom we must trust by faith alone
  2. He being the King, who rules over all