

Readings from Matthew chapter 25—May 8th-14th, 2022

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’”

Sunday: What other Scriptures tell us that angels will accompany Christ’s return? **Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in the daily study of God’s Word. **Pray** for Seattle (Wash.) RPC and its need for a pastor.

Monday: What is the Biblical definition of a nation? **Pray** for family members of those in Rochester (East Rochester, N.Y.) RPC who have not come to faith in Christ; **pray** that God would provide opportunities to witness to them and that He would open their hearts to believe. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC as it seeks to call a pastor.

Tuesday: Why are believers referred to as sheep? **Pray** for conversions through the ministry at Providence (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC. **Pray** for the growth of Ridgefield Park (N.J.) RPC, a congregation that serves Greater New York City.

Wednesday: What is the believer’s inheritance? **Praise the Lord** for the newly ordained deacon in one of the mission churches in Pakistan; **pray** that God would raise up more leaders and members for His churches in Pakistan. **Pray** for the development of an RP congregation in Wake County, N.C. (south of Raleigh).

Thursday: In light of Isaiah 64:6, why are the sheep referred to as “the righteous”? Does this present text teach that we are saved by means of our works? **Give thanks** for continued growth at Westminster, Colo., RPC through new members and new babies; **pray** for new members to feel welcomed and for new parents to feel competent. **Pray** for the recent converts at Stranraer (Scotland) RPC and that the church would have wisdom to disciple them.

Friday: In light of v. 40, should the church minister diaconally to those outside of the church? **Pray** for the health services, residence life, administration, and support staff of Geneva College as they continue to minister to students on campus during the pandemic. **Pray** for the judicial hearing tomorrow at Atlanta RPC.

Saturday: In what ways can the church minister diaconally to the brethren? **Pray** that Orlando, Fla., RPC would be eager to share the gospel of Christ with others. **Pray** for the service tomorrow at Atlanta RPC, that many would attend.

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The Lord’s Day

May 8, 2022

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

Atlanta, Georgia
Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 122B
Saying”

“I Was Glad to Hear Them

Scripture Reading

Ezra 10:1-17

*Psalm 4B

“Answer When I Call, O God Who Justifies”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 35C
Stood”

“False Witnesses Against Me

Scripture Text

Matthew 18:15-20

The Sermon

“The Procedure of Church Discipline”

*Prayer

*Psalm 69B

“O God, My Foolishness and Sins”

*Benediction

*Psalm 117A

“O All Ye Nations of the Earth”

** 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

“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”—Psalm 84:1-2. “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”—Colossians 4:2. “But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”—I Corinthians 15:20.

Q. 2 What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3 What do the Scriptures principally teach? A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Q. 4 What is God? A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one? A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

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Matthew 18:15-20 “The Procedure of Church Discipline”

Theme: Jesus instructs His disciples regarding the purpose, procedure, and power of church discipline.

I. The Purpose of Church Discipline

A. Restoration of sinners and reconciliation

B. Purity of the church

C. Honor and glory of Christ, the head of the church

II. The Procedure for Church Discipline

A. Overview of the situation—a private quarrel/private offense

B. Private confrontation by the one who knows the brother is at fault

1. “Go and reprove him in private”
 2. “If he hears you, you have won [gained] your brother”
- C. The second step is corporate confrontation
1. “. . . take with you one or two witnesses, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established’”
 2. Important to have one or two more at this stage of the process
- D. Public proceedings
1. “and if he refuses to listen to them”
 2. “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church”
 3. Ezra 10—judicial process was deliberate and careful
 4. Overview of the procedure—think courtroom scene

Application

- A. Pray that church discipline would be carried out properly and justly
- B. Remember that even in matters of injustice in church courts, we are reminded of what Jesus suffered
 1. That is no excuse, of course, for injustice!
 2. Nevertheless, the visible church lives in a sin-cursed world
 3. Jesus suffered the mocking of ungodly jesters in the feasts