

From Matthew 6: “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.² Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.³ But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,⁴ that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.⁵ “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.⁸ Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

Sunday: Why does Jesus warn against your blowing your own trumpet? Praise the Lord for adherents who are worshipping with Elkhart, Ind., RPC; **pray** that He would bless the church information classes that are being offered. **Give thanks** for the election of elders and deacons at Loughbrickland (Northern Ireland) RPC.

Monday: Do you know of churchmen who call attention to themselves? Have you ever been tempted to show off how religious you are? Pray that God would continue to refine Grace (State College, Pa.) RPC spiritually through the preaching of His Word. **Pray** for Miss Amy as she moves this week to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Tuesday: What is a hypocrite? What are examples of such? Pray for those at Stillwater, Okla., RPC who are suffering with serious illnesses such as cancer; and for an elderly member who has not been able to return to worship services following Covid closures. **Pray** for the adult and children’s Sabbath School classes at McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

Wednesday: What does Jesus mean when he says, “They have their reward”? **Pray** for families at Elkhart, Ind., RPC who are ministering to foster children and for families who are in the adoption process. **Pray** for the upcoming meeting of the RPCNA Synod in Marion, Indiana; **pray** for safety in travel, for a good spirit among the elders as they meet, and that their decisions would reflect the will of King Jesus.

Thursday: Does v. 6 prohibit public prayer? Why or why not? Give thanks with Terre Haute, Ind., RPC for a church building that serves them well. **Pray** that the Lord would bring folks into the Atlanta area who would want to join Atlanta RPC.

Friday: What does Jesus mean by “vain repetition”? **Please pray** for God’s blessing on the upcoming RP Missions trips in every aspect: travel, ministry, fellowship, and follow-up. **Pray** for Grace Reformed Church, Columbia, Missouri, pastored by Rev. Gary McNamee.

Saturday: How does v. 8 give us confidence in our praying? Pray that the Lord would bless the five men presently serving in Southfield, Mich., RPC’s diaconal

internship program through the remainder of 2023, pursuant to the election of deacons in 2024. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
May 28, 2023

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
65:1

Psalms

*The Invocation

*Psalm 65A “Praise Waits for Thee in Zion!”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

*Psalm 18A

“I Love You, Lord! You Are My Strength”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 86A “Attend Thou and Answer, Jehovah, Give Ear”

Scripture Text

Exodus 20:1-17

The Sermon

“What the First Commandment Requires” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 93A “Jehovah Reigns; He’s Clothed with Majesty Most Bright”

*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

“Then I said, ‘Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.’”—Psalm 40:7-8. “O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”—Psalm 119:97.

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.

Q. 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Q. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments? A. The sum of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

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

The law tells us whom we are to know, worship, and obey.

I. Knowing God—knowing about Him and knowing Him

II. Worshipping and glorifying Him

A. In our minds

1. Thinking on Him—not a mindless activity
2. Meditating on Him (Psalm 63:6) and His attributes
3. Remembering and highly esteeming Him
 - a. Psalm 71—an old man recalls God in amazement
 - b. Malachi 3:16—those that thought upon His name
 - c. Ecclesiastes 12:1

B. In our wills

1. Choosing Him for our chief good—WSC #1; Josh. 24:15
2. Devoting ourselves to His service—Joshua 24:22

C. In our hearts

1. Loving Him—Psalm 18:1; I John 5:2
2. Adoring Him—Psalm 31:19-24; 105:1ff; 108:1-6
3. Desiring Him—Isaiah 26:8-9
4. Fearing Him—Proverbs 1:7
5. Believing/trusting in Him—Exodus 14:31; Isaiah 26:4
6. Grieving for our sins vs. Him—Psalm 38:18
7. Hoping in Him—Psalm 130:7
8. Delighting and rejoicing in Him—Psalm 37:4; 32:11

D. By our lips—calling upon and speaking well of Him

III. Obeying Him

A. Being careful to please God

B. Being sorrowful when in anything God is offended

C. Yielding all obedience and submission to God

D. Walking humbly with God—Mic. 6:8; Ezek. 36:26, 27, 31

Application

- A. Be sincere in your religious affections
- B. Acknowledge that you are called to do what you cannot do
- C. Look to Another—the God-man, Jesus Christ