

*Readings from Matthew chapter 18—September 26<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021*

**12** "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? **13** And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. **14** Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

*Sunday: Why are we called sheep?* **Please pray** for Hudson/St. Lazare (Vaudreuil-Dorion, Que.) RPC's witness to the lost in their community. **Pray** for Newtownards (Northern Ireland) RPC as it seeks a minister.

*Monday: What is the problem with that one sheep?* **Pray** with Oswego, N.Y., RPC that God will continue to bless them with peace, so that they may stand side by side for the gospel. **Pray** for the Women's Fellowship ministry at Dervock (Northern Ireland) RPC.

*Tuesday: Why does the Shepherd go after that one lost sheep?* **Please pray** with Russell, Ont., RPC that COVID lockdowns will no longer prevent them from being able to worship together, and that they will have a place to worship while waiting for their building to be ready. **Pray** for the Gainesville, Fla., RP Fellowship that it would grow; **pray** for Prof. and Mrs. Tom (Genevieve) Reid, out of their house due to mold.

**15** "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. **16** But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' **17** And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. **18** Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **19** Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

*Wednesday: Why is church discipline important?* **Pray** that new homeowners in Bloomington, Ind., who receive a welcome letter from Bloomington RPC will visit the church. **Pray** for Letterkenny (Northern Ireland) RPC and **give thanks** for the new folks who are attending.

*Thursday: What are the steps of church discipline?* **Pray** to God for His leading as Terre Haute, Ind., RPC considers the need for additional space and possibly a new church building in the intermediate future. **Pray** for Birmingham, Ala., RPC.

*Friday: What are the purposes of church discipline?* **Pray** with Treasure Valley (Boise, Idaho) RP Mission Church for Pastor Ryan Hemphill and family settling into Caldwell, Idaho, and meeting contacts for church planting. **Pray** for Tyndale International University, Los Angeles, Calif. **Pray** for Manhattan, Kan., RPC, as it seeks a new pastor. **Pray** for the people of Afghanistan.

*Saturday: What is Jesus' promise regarding church discipline (vv. 18-20)?*

**Pray** for Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC's outreach efforts at the Mars Applefest today. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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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 149 “O Praise the Lord! O Sing Aloud a New Song to the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

I Kings 21:5-24; II Kings 9:30-37

\*Psalm 119R

“Thy Testimonies I Observe”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 119Q

“Judgment I Have Done and Justice”

Scripture Text

Revelation 2:18-29

The Sermon

“Letter to the Church in Thyatira” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 2

“Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?”

\*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

**“Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.”—Proverbs 22:28. “But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”—Psalm 115:3.**

**Q. 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience? A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.**

**Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin? A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.**

**Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

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

Revelation 2:18-29 “Letter to the Church in Thyatira” (Part 2)  
Christ warns the church not to tolerate immoral and mystical teaching.

I. Commendation

A. General—“your deeds”

B. Particularly: love, faith, ministry (*diakonia*); perseverance

C. Works lately were better than those at first; church was growing

II. Problem and Warning

A. “But I have this against you”

B. Jezebel

1. A real person

2. The first Jezebel—one of the most wicked characters in the Bible

3. The Jezebel in Thyatira called herself a prophetess

4. She promoted acts of immorality and eating things offered to idols

C. The Lord's punishment

1. Warning to Jezebel
2. Warning to her followers

III. Promise

- A. "To the rest in Thyatira . . . no other burden"
- B. Exhortations; "hold fast"; "he who has an ear, let him hear"
- C. To the overcomers
  1. Authority over the nations (Psalm 2; Isaiah 30:14; Jer. 19:11)

2. The morning star

3. These promises are for those who persevere

Application

- A. Note the importance of church discipline
- B. Affirm the importance of "only the Scriptures" [*sola scriptura*]
- C. Hang onto sound doctrine—that is, the teaching of the Bible