

Matthew 13: ¹ On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ² And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. ³ Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. ⁶ But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. ⁸ But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Sunday: **Is it necessary to be standing in order to preach? Please pray** with Elkins Park, Pa., RPC for clear direction for teaching elder Hunter Jackson and his family as he completes the Resident In Training program. **Pray** for our brothers and sisters in Eritrea, as the church there is being severely persecuted for the sake of Christ.

Monday: **What is a parable? Pray** for RP Global Missions short-term term outcome of developing global Christian lifestyles in the lives of each person going on one of the trips. **Pray** for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, as the church there is being severely persecuted at the hands of Muslims for the sake of Christ.

Tuesday: **Where else in Scripture is the figure of sowing seed used? Pray** that God would bless Belle Center, Ohio, RPC with the ability to form daughter congregations—perhaps around Columbus, Lima, and Greenville, Ohio. **Pray** that the building renovations will soon be completed at Atlanta RPC. **Pray** for Washinton, Iowa, RPC.

Wednesday: **Where in Scripture is there reference to a harvest? Pray** for gospel fruit among First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC’s friends, neighbors, and coworkers throughout the Boston metro area. **Pray** for Gainesville, Fla., RP Fellowship, pastored by Prof. Tom Reid; **pray** that the brothers and sisters would be encouraged by growth.

Thursday: **What does Jesus mean by saying “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”? Pray** for God to bless the discipleship and hospitality ministries in Eastvale (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC. **Pray** for those in our fellowship who are in need of physical healing. **Pray** for the RP mission efforts in Spain.

Friday: **Is it possible to hear with physical ears and not have spiritual understanding? What examples can you give from Scripture and/or from history? Pray** for the youth of Sycamore (Kokomo, Ind.) RPC as they meet biweekly for midweek Bible study and fellowship; **pray** that these young people would grow up to be godly men and women. **Pray** for Rev. Marcelo Sánchez of our RP congregation in Batuco, Chile, who is being persecuted by the wicked government because of his stand for King Jesus.

Saturday: **Are you listening to Jesus? How do you know? Pray** for protection and blessings for Syracuse, N.Y., RPC’s church officers and their families; **give thanks** for recent visitors and new members and for sound preaching, Bible studies, Sabbath school instruction, and regular fellowship opportunities. **Pray** for Clarinda, Iowa, RPC. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that the Lord would meet with His people.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
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Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Psalm 115:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100A “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:1-10

*Psalm 35C “False Witnesses Against Me Stood”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 36A “Transgression to the Wicked Speaks”

Scripture Text I Peter 5:1-7

The Sermon “The Sins of Superiors”

*Prayer

*Psalm 37F “I Saw the Wicked, Ruthless Man”

*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

I Timothy 1:17: “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Mark 16:19: “So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.”

I Peter 5:2-3: “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.”

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals.

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.

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Forbidding superiors from being cruel, proud, and arrogant

I. Neglect of Duties--Generally

- A. Concern—love, prayer, blessing
- B. Direction—instruction, counsel, admonishment
- C. Care—protection and provision
- D. Example

I. Parent-child

- A. No natural affection—Rom. 1:31; kids need hugs and kisses
- B. No discipline—Prov.
- C. Neglect of souls—Rom. 13:24; what a heavy responsibility!
- D. Cruelty—Ephesians 6:4; child abuse; child sacrifice
- E. Encouraging inappropriate things
- F. Discouraging that which is good
- G. Opposing their good in marriage and in their calling in life
- H. Interfering in the marriage and home life of grown children

III. Husband-wife

- A. Lack of love or kindness—Colossians 3:19; Malachi 2:14
- B. Unfaithfulness—adultery
- C. Neglect of her soul—Jeremiah 44:15-16

IV. Employer-employee

- A. Encouraging them to do evil
- B. Proud, haughty spirit towards their workers
- C. Greediness—James 5:4

V. Church officer-church member

- A. Lack of sincere love for their souls
- B. Neglect of duty

Application

- A. Those in authority have a greater responsibility
 - 1. They will give account
 - 2. The world is watching
- B. Pray for those in authority to be kept from sin/temptation