

Matthew 14: ¹³ When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." ¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ He said, "Bring them here to Me." ¹⁹ Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. ²⁰ So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. ²¹ Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sunday: **Why did the crowd follow Jesus? Pray** for wisdom and endurance for a local ministry of Birmingham (Hoover, Ala.) RPC to the broken families in rural Bibb County. **Pray** for Selma (Ala.) RPC.

Monday: **Was Jesus compassionate? Give thanks to the Lord** with Second (Indianapolis, Ind.) RPC for raising up saints willing to bring the gospel to foreign nations; **pray** that the Lord would enable Second RPC to be a faithful sending church; **ask the Lord** to help them maintain an open line of communication to those they have sent to the field, and to be faithful in caring for them in every possible way. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC, in need of a pastor.

Tuesday: **How is Jesus compassionate today? Pray** for the youth of Washington, Iowa, RPC as they begin a new school year, both in public schools and at home, that they would grow in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord. **Pray** for Westminster (Prairie View, Ill.) RPC, pastored by Joshua Smith.

Wednesday: **Why did Jesus perform this miracle? Pray** for those who are ill within Orlando, Fla., RPC, for those who face surgeries, and for those who are recovering, that God will sustain them. **Pray** for Trinity (Burtonsville, Md.) RPC. **Pray** for the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Latin America.

Thursday: **Why do we pray over our meals? Pray** with Clarinda, Iowa, RPC that Pastor Jonathan Haney would faithfully shine the light of Christ through his work as a teacher in the state prison. **Pray** for Sterling (Kan.) RPC.

Friday: **What was the point of having 12 baskets of leftovers? Give thanks** for Prof. Robert McCollum's ministry in Bloomington, Ind., RPC over the summer; **pray** that God would bless him in his position as principal of the Reformed Theological College (RPCI) in Belfast. **Pray** for Rev. Edgar Ibarra as he ministers at the Las Vegas (Nev.) RPC. **Pray** for Clarinda (Iowa) RPC.

Saturday: **How many people (that is, including women and children) were fed? Pray** for God's grace and mercy in the lives of several older people in Lisbon (Ogdensburg, N.Y.) RPC who have ongoing health concerns. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that many would come to the worship of God.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day
September 15, 2024

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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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Romans 8:1-4

*The Invocation

*Psalm 147A

“Praise Ye the Lord, For It Is Good”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:15-23; I Corinthians 9:24-27

*Psalm 39B

“And Now, O Lord, What Wait I Longer For?”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 40E

“I Waited for the Lord”

Scripture Text

II Kings 10

The Sermon

“An Imperfect Avenger”

*Prayer

*Psalm 11

“My Trust Is In the Lord”

*Benediction

*Psalm 103D

“In the Heavens Has Jehovah”

** 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

Psalm 114:7-8: “Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.” I Timothy 1:17: “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Q. 10. How did God create man? A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 11. What are God’s works of providence? A. God’s works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions.

Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created? A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

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

God cleanses His people by wiping out the house of Ahab.

I. Jehu’s Carrying Out of the Divine Edict

A. Ahab’s seventy sons

B. All that remained of Ahab’s house

C. Ahaziah’s brethren

D. Worshippers of Baal

II. Jehu’s Imperfect Following of the Lord

A. Not following the Lord

B. The Lord’s judgment

Application

A. Wherein lies a family’s strength?

1. Not in numbers—all 70 sons could die at once
2. Rather, in a godly seed (Psalm 112)

B. Lack of genuineness or consistency in religion

1. Liberal do-goodism
2. Conservative groups
 - a. Danger of putting mission over theology
 - b. Danger of isolating one aspect of truth
 - c. Neglecting weightier matters

C. Remember, the key/foundation is found in the gospel

1. Love for the Lord is the motivating factor
2. Trust in the Lord is necessary
 - a. Jehu was not trusting in God, but his own strength
 - b. Even a good thing can be or can become idolatrous