

Devotional for Each Day of the Week

Sunday: “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”—Psalm 118:1. **Praise God** that his mercy endures forever. **Pray** for First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, that they would be encouraged in their walk with Christ, and that they would souls for their labors; **pray** for Pastor Craig Scott.

Monday: “Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right.”—Proverbs 20:11. **Pray** that the children of our church would have a reputation for being followers of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for Pastor Smith and Miss Penny as they fly to England tomorrow.

Tuesday: “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”—Proverbs 20:1. **Pray** that you and your family would be kept from drunkenness and drug abuse. **Pray** for Elder Bob Shapiro as he has begun chemotherapy this week.

Wednesday: “I called on the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.”—Psalm 118:5. **Pray** that you would be given the grace to call on the Lord. **Give thanks** for the attendance and positive response to the special meeting on the creation/evolution debate held by Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and **pray** for those regularly under the Word but not yet transformed by its power.

Thursday: “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”—Psalm 118:6. **Pray** that you would be able to face whatever challenges come your way without fear. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian ministry in Nantes, France; pray especially for those who reach out to prostitutes there with the gospel of Christ.

Friday: “A man’s steps are of the Lord; how then can a man understand his own way?”—Proverbs 20:24. **Pray** that you would be able to appreciate that every step you take is of the Lord, and pray for His protection over you this summer.

Saturday: “A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.”—Song of Solomon 4:12. **Pray** for God’s blessing on the married couples of our fellowship; **pray** that the Lord would provide spouses for those who seek marriage. **Pray** that many would come to church tomorrow and worship the true and living God.

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Sunday School at 4:45 PM
Worship at 5:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Micah 7:18

*The Invocation

*Psalm 145A

“I Will Thee Praise, My God, O King”

Scripture Reading (p. 31)

Genesis 50:15-26

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 46A [stanzas 1-3]

“God is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Scripture Text (p. 629)

Acts 4:13-31

The Sermon

“Providence and Sin”

*Prayer

*Psalm 46A [stanzas 4-5]

“O Come, Behold What Wondrous Works”

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”—*Colossians 4:2*.

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”—*Isaiah 53:6*.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”—*Ephesians 2:8-9*.

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.

Acts 4:27-28 “Providence and Sin”

Theme: God reveals the relationship between providence and sin.

I. The Sin

A. the crime

1. its certainty—“for of a truth”

2. gathering together

a. “in this city”—holy Jerusalem

b. gathered together against the holy Jesus, “whom Thou didst anoint”

B. the people

1. Herod

2. Pontius Pilate

3. the Gentiles

4. the peoples of Israel

C. in summary—it was the most awful series of crimes ever committed

II. God’s Will

A. “whom Thou hast anointed”

B. “to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur”

1. Thy hand, even Thy purpose

2. to do according to His purpose

3. other Scriptures: II Samuel 24:1; Genesis 50:20; Acts 2:23

Observations

A. God’s providence extends to all events, including the original Fall

B. God sometimes, in His providence, leave us for a time to our own sin

1. to make us know our depravity—Deuteronomy 8:2; II Chronicles 32:25ff

2. to make us more dependent on Him—II Chronicles 12:7-9; Mark 14:66ff

C. God, in His providence, hardens people in their sins

1. He acts as a righteous judge in withholding His grace—II Thessalonians 2:11-12; Romans 1:24, 26, 28

2. He exposes them to such things as their corruption makes occasion of sin—II Kings 8:12-13; Psalm 81:11-12

3. they harden themselves under those means which God uses to soften others—II Corinthians 2:15-16

Application

A. don’t complain about God—but rather submit to Him and bow and adore

B. if you’re worried about the issue of sin—then just don’t sin!