

Devotional for Each Day of the Week

[The verses this week come from Proverbs 2:12-22]

Sunday: “To deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things, from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness.” **Praise God** for His watchful care over His children in delivering us from evil. **Pray** that we would be enabled to resist temptation, including the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

Monday: “Who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked.” **Pray** that the Birmingham (Ala.) Reformed Presbyterian Fellowship would be encouraged as they seek to walk together as a congregation. **Pray** that Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery would be inclined to support this effort and would be supportive of it.

Tuesday: “Whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths.” **Pray** that those who are wicked would be exposed for what they are. **Pray** that the thieves who stole this building’s air conditioning units would be brought to justice, and, most importantly, that they would be brought to salvation by the grace of Christ. **Pray** for Rose Hillman and her health.

Wednesday: “To deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.” **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would convict the prostitutes who walk the streets in our neighborhood of their sin and lead them to faith in Jesus. **Pray** for the Bloomington (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, including its pastors, Rich Holdeman and Adam Niess; pray that the church would have wisdom in its ministry, and would be protected from pride.

Thursday: “For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; none who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life.” **Pray** that we would be kept from sexual sin and temptation, through trusting in Jesus, His blood, and His righteousness. **Pray** for Christ Church Reformed Presbyterian, Brownsburg, Indiana, and its pastor, Dr. Michael Lefebvre.

Friday: “So you may walk in the way of goodness, and keep to the paths of righteousness.” **Pray** for the grace to walk in the paths of righteousness. **Pray** for those who need jobs, that this need would soon be met. **Pray** for the Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, and especially as it seeks someone to preach this summer.

Saturday: “For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.” **Pray** that God would demonstrate His righteous judgments in the earth. **Pray** for the service here tomorrow, that many people would attend and that many would be saved by Christ.

Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 62:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading (p. 48)

Exodus 28:5-21

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 69D

“O Let Their Peace Become a Trap”

Scripture Text (p. 623)

John 17:1-19

The Sermon

“Complete and Definite Salvation”

*Prayer

*Psalm 3

“O Lord, How Are My Foes Increased!”

*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! 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

“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. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is, God’s making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

John 17:9 “Complete and Definite Salvation”

Theme: Jesus prays for His elect only.

I. Jesus Prays

A. John 17 is Christ’s High Priestly Prayer

B. for Jesus to pray for you is for you to have salvation

1. His is a powerful, effectual prayer
2. His Father grants what He desires
3. He continues to intercede
4. His prayer is based upon His sacrifice

II. For the Elect Only

A. “I pray for them . . . whom Thou hast given Me”

B. “I pray not for the world”

1. the world—that system and its people set against God
2. not for the world
 - a. He did not pray for them
 - b. He even prayed against Judas (Psalm 69:22ff; 109:6ff)
 - c. His atonement was not therefore designed for the non-elect

Observations

A. we do not know who the elect are

1. therefore, we must preach the gospel to all
2. we are precluded from making divine judgments

B. salvation is woven of one fabric

1. Romans 8:30
2. Ephesians 1:4-5
3. I Thessalonians 4:3
4. John 10:28
5. I John 2:19

Application—do not try to pry into the secret will of God

A. do not seek what God keeps secret (Deuteronomy 29:29)

B. rather, do look in faith to Jesus