

*Devotional for Each Day of the Week*

**Sunday:** “All men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider His doing.”—Psalm 64:9.

**Praise God** who brings all to their knees before Him by His mighty power and awesome presence!

**Monday:** “. . . but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.”—Hebrews 3:6.

**Pray** that you would hold fast, intentionally, to the hope that you have in Christ Jesus. **Pray** for the Orlando (Fla.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, pastored by H.P. McCracken, that it would grow and be able to have a great impact for the gospel in that city.

**Tuesday:** “Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: *Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness.*”—Hebrews 3:7-8.

**Pray** that when God opens your eyes, you would respond without fear, doubt, or hesitation. **Pray** for those of our fellowship who will be traveling back to Georgia.

**Wednesday:** “. . . Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.”—Hebrews 3:9.

**Pray** that you would not be someone who repeatedly fights against God even though He has been good to show you His works, particularly Scripture and salvation. **Pray** for Second Reformed Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, pastored by Rich Johnston and James Faris.

**Thursday:** “Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.’”—Hebrews 3:10.

**Pray** for the youth generation that is now seeking worth in the world, that you might bring them the light of Christ. **Pray** for the Selma (Ala.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, as it seeks a pastor.

**Friday:** “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’”—Hebrews 3:11.

**Pray with genuineness and sincerity**, because God’s patience does have an end. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian ministry in Dublin, Ireland.

**Saturday:** “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. . . .”—Hebrews 3:12.

**Pray** that God would root out any unbelief in you, before it becomes a trouble between you and God. **Pray** also for your pastor, that he would be encouraged in the faith, prepare a faithful message for tomorrow, and preach it with power and love.

# Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

*The Lord’s Day*  
*December 25, 2016*

Meeting every week at  
472-B Paines Avenue NW  
Atlanta, Georgia

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6-7

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 1A

“O Greatly Blessed is the Man”

Scripture Reading (p. 567)

Matthew 23:15-28

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 119B

“How Shall a Young Man Cleanse His Way?”

Scripture Text (p. 553)

Matthew 5:17-20

The Sermon

“The Importance of the Law for Us”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 119R

“Thy Testimonies I Observe”

\*Benediction

*\* 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**

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”—*John 17:17.*

“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”—*Matthew 4:4.*

“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”—*Matthew 13:9.*

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”—*Psalms 19:7.*

**Q. 14. What is sin?**

**A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

**Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?**

**A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.**

“The Importance of the Law for Us” Matthew 5:19-20

Theme: Jesus proclaims the importance of the law for us.

I. Disrespecting the Law

A. what is meant by one of the least of God’s commandments?

B. Jesus is saying that all of God’s law is important

C. wrong attitude and action toward these little commandments

D. the result: shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven

II. Respecting the Law

A. correct attitude toward the least of the commandments

B. such a person will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven

III. Exceeding the Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees

A. who were these people? religious hypocrites

B. what does Jesus mean by exceeding their righteousness?

1. contrast in terms of satisfying the heart

2. contrast in terms of satisfying the mind

3. contrast in terms of whether it is self-made

4. contrast in terms of the glorifying of the self

5. contrast in terms of depending on Jesus’ righteousness

Observation—there are degrees of reward and degrees of punishment

Application

A. make sure that your righteousness is the right kind

B. do not be fooled into thinking that salvation is based on your good works