

*Devotional for Each Day of the Week*

**Sunday:** “The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad.”—Psalm 97:1. **Give thanks** that the Lord rules over all things. **Pray** for the students and teachers at Cush Christian School in South Sudan as they begin their final term of the school year this week.

**Monday:** “Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.”—Psalm 97:2. **Pray** that the Lord’s justice and righteousness would be seen among the nations, including this nation. Pastor and Mrs. Charlie Leach, after five years of service at the Kasumigaoka Reformed Presbyterian Church (Kobe, Japan), are returning to the U.S.; **pray** for the church as it seeks a pastor. **Pray** for Clarinda (Ia.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, as it seeks additional families with young children.

**Tuesday:** “A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about.”—Psalm 97:3. **Pray** that God would vindicate His honor and destroy His and our enemies. **Pray** for the Hetherton Reformed Presbyterian Church (Johannesburg, Mich.) and the families with young children.

**Wednesday:** “His lightnings light the world; the earth sees and trembles.”—Psalm 97:4. **Pray** that Atlanta would tremble before God. **Pray** that the farming families of the Lisbon (N.Y.) Reformed Presbyterian Church would have safe and bountiful harvests.

**Thursday:** “The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.”—Psalm 97:5. **Pray** that God would be glorified as people bow before Him. **Pray** for Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church (Wichita, Kan.) and its Sabbath school classes, including the one studying the concept of hospitality.

**Friday:** “The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory.”—Psalm 97:6. **Pray** that your friends would see the righteousness of Christ as the only basis for salvation. **Pray** that there would be open doors of opportunities and receptive hearts in Brea, California, where All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church ministers.

**Saturday:** “Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.”—Psalm 97:7. **Pray** for Living Way Reformed Presbyterian Church (Bryan, Tex.) and its outreach efforts. **Pray** that tomorrow many people would reject false worship and false gods, and worship the true and living God.

# Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

*The Lord’s Day*  
*September 9, 2018*

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

Worship at 10:45 AM and 5:30 PM  
Sunday School at 4:45 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

John 8:31-32

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 96A

“O Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Scripture Reading

I Peter 5:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 119F “O Let Thy Lovingkindnesses Come unto Me, O Lord”

Scripture Text

Matthew 23

The Sermon

“Liberty of Conscience”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 149

“O Praise the Lord! O Sing Aloud A New Song!”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 133A

“Behold How Good a Thing It Is”

*\* 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

**“I and my Father are one.”—John 10:30.**

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

**Q. 1 What is the chief end of man?**

**A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.**

**Q. 2 What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?**

**A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him.**

**Q. 3 What do the Scriptures principally teach?**

**A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

**Q. 4 What is God?**

**A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

Matthew 23:8-10 “Liberty of Conscience”

Theme: God alone is Lord of the conscience.

#### I. The Text and Its Context

A. this is toward the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry

B. Jesus pronounces woe against the Pharisees

C. Jesus’ teaching in verses 8 through 10

D. application—humility; servant-leadership

#### II. No Man is To Be Lord of Your Conscience

A. no one is to impose upon you his own ideas of ethics or worship or salvation

B. notice how this type of lording-over . . .

1. is tyrannical (v. 4)

2. is legalistic (v. 4)

3. is hypocritical (vv. 5-7; 16-22; 23-24; 25-28; 29-32)

4. is dangerous (vv. 13-15; 33-39)

#### III. God Alone is Lord of the Conscience

A. only God is to direct you how to act

B. examples

#### Application

A. do not seek to impose things upon someone else’s conscience

B. rejoice in that Christ is the Lord of your conscience