

From Mark 1: ²³ Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷ Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." ²⁸ And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

Sunday: What is an unclean spirit? Give thanks with Elkins Park, Pa., RPC for the ordination and installation of Hunter Jackson as associate pastor. Pray for McKinnon (Australia) RPC that it would grow in compassion for the lost. Pray for Grace & Truth (Harrisonburg, Va.) RPC, that it would be blessed with growth.

Monday: Read Deuteronomy 32:17; Psalm 106:37; I Corinthians 10:20-21; and Revelation 9:20 and reflect on what those verses teach us about demons. Give thanks to God with Terre Haute, Ind., RPC for some new faces in regular attendance on the Lord's Day; pray that they will keep coming and that the church can effectively enfold them into fellowship and membership (1 Peter 2:5). Pray for Sterling (Kan.) RPC and its outreach and growth. Pray for the committee of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery counseling Immanuel (West Lafayette, Ind.) RPC.

Tuesday: Why was this unclean spirit afraid of Jesus? Pray for the Lord's provision of a pastor or church planter for Houston, Tex., RP Mission Church. Give thanks with Stranraer (Scotland) RPC for the conversion of Daniel Hall. Pray for Convoy (Ireland) RPC and its evangelistic efforts.

Wednesday: How did this unclean spirit know who Jesus is? Pray for God's leading as White Lake, N.Y., RPC seeks a resident-in-training to work with them. Pray for North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC as it continues to search for an adequate church building. Pray for San Antonio (Tex.) RPC that it would be encouraged and that it would grow. Pray for Hetherton (Johannesburg, Mich.) RPC.

Thursday: How can demons afflict people? Read Luke 4:33-36; 6:18; 8:2; 8:27-33, 36; 9:38-42; 11:24-26. Pray that the Lord will send a teaching elder to pastor the flock in Coldenham-Newburgh (Walden, N.Y.) RPC. Pray for First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC, pastored by Noah Bailey. Pray for First (Durham, N.C.) RPC, pastored by Kent Butterfield and Drew Poplin.

Friday: Read Acts 16:16-18; 19:12-17 to see how the early church dealt with demons. Give thanks with Belle Center, Ohio, RPC for all the new members and adherents; pray that they will more and more feel at home, that they will be blessed by fellowship with the congregation, and that the congregation will be blessed by them. Pray for Belle Center (O.) RPC and its pastor, Phil Pockras.

Saturday: What does Jesus' authority over the evil spirits demonstrate? Please pray that the Lord would provide New Creation (Kitchener, Ont.) RPC with their own building. Pray for more elders to be raised up within the Reformed Presbyterian Church worldwide. Pray for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that many folks would attend and be positively impacted by the gospel of Christ.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day
December 4, 2022*

Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
Atlanta, Georgia
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

Psalms 99:1-3

*The Invocation

*Psalm 122B

"I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying"

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-38

*Psalm 11

"My Trust Is in the Lord"

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 27A

"The Lord's My Light and Saving Strength"

Scripture Text

Haggai 2:1-9

The Sermon

"A Glorious Temple"

*Prayer

*Psalm 45C

"O Daughter, Hear and Heed"

*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! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

"Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."—*I Peter 2:17. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."*—*Exodus 20:8. "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."*—*Exodus 20:12.*

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Q. 23. What offices doth Christ execute as our redeemer? A. Christ, as our redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

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The Lord reassures His people regarding the temple's glory.

I. Challenge

A. Date: October 17, 520 B.C.; major festivals

B. Source of the challenge

1. The Lord Himself (the references pile up)
2. Haggai: was used by God to speak

C. Subjects

1. The leaders—Zerubbabel and Joshua
2. The people—the *remnant* (residue—v. 2)

D. Substance

1. Remember the old
2. Compare it to the present

II. Commands

A. Be strong

B. Work—continue the work of building bravely

C. Fear not—for God is for you; Zechariah 8:13

III. Comfort

A. Presence of God—His promise; His Spirit

B. Sovereignty of God

1. Control: shaking things up in the world
2. Ownership

C. The glory of God—fulfilled in the Desire of all nations

D. Peace with God—*shalom*; all blessings; thru Christ

Overview

A. The people were again rebuked for their materialism

B. There is a rich temple theme in Scripture

C. There is an eschatological continuum