

**From Matthew 18:** <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup> Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. <sup>26</sup> The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ <sup>27</sup> Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ <sup>30</sup> And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. <sup>32</sup> Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. <sup>35</sup> “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

**Sunday:** **Why do you think Peter asked this question? Pray** for those in Living Way (Bryan, Tex.) RPC making decisions about how best to care for aging parents. **Pray** for Gainesville, Fla., RP Fellowship, for encouragement and strengthening.

**Monday:** **Do you forgive others as Jesus taught? Pray** that the Lord would guard, bless, and nourish the covenant children at Hope Community (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC, in need of a pastor.

**Tuesday:** **What does the parable teach us about God? Pray** for Syracuse, N.Y., RPC’s members as they faithfully witness to their loved ones and neighbors, and to the children in the immediate neighborhood. **Pray** for Birmingham, Ala., RPC.

**Wednesday:** **What does the parable teach us about our sin? Pray** for the Blakston family (Jono, Louise, and Jonah) in Frankston, Australia, as they prepare to minister in South Sudan. **Pray** for RPC missionaries to be raised up for Paraguay.

**Thursday:** **What other Scripture passages teach the lesson of the parable? Join in praying** with Fresno, Calif., RPC and believers worldwide, that God would grant godly leadership and peaceable lives. **Pray** for RPC missionaries to be raised up for an English-language ministry in Ecuador.

**Friday:** **Why will God not forgive those who do not forgive others? Pray** for loved ones of Eastvale (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC members—particularly those not calling on the Lord and those with serious health problems. **Pray** for Selma, Ala., RPC.

**Saturday:** **Is there anyone whom you have trouble forgiving? Pray** for the members of Broomall, Pa., RPC as they seek to be witnesses of God’s grace in their lives. **Pray** for the worship service tomorrow at Atlanta RPC, that many would attend.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day*  
*January 5, 2025*

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

Psalm 84:10-12

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 47A

“All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:1-12

\*Psalm 39B

“And Now, O Lord, What Wait I Longer For?”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 90A

“Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place”

Scripture Text

Romans 7:1-4

The Sermon

“’Til Death Do Us Part”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 48B

“In Our God’s City We Have Seen”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 45C [stanzas 12-13]

“She to the King is Led”

*\* 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**

**Psalm 119:9-11: “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Daniel 12:2: “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”**

**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.**

**Q. 70. Which is the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

**Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior.**

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***For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.***

Edward VI and Thomas Cranmer’s *Book of Common Prayer*

In Romans 7, the relationship between the law and a sinner

### ***The Permanence of Marriage***

Husband and wife are legally one, and are actually “one flesh.”

The “bond of holy matrimony”

Marriage is not something to be treated lightly or frivolously.

Only two grounds for divorce: adultery and willful desertion

### ***The Impermanence of Marriage***

Marriage is impermanent from the perspective of eternity.

It is impermanent when we factor in the reality of death.

Not only sin, but the effects of sin, color marriage.

Every marriage will end. It is inevitable.

Love is self-sacrificial.

### ***Marriage Points Beyond Itself***

Marriage is a preparation of ourselves for the eternal state.

### ***Application***

Cherish the moments of your marriage.

Keep your accounts short.

Remember how costly was God’s sacrifice for His people!

Remember Thomas Cranmer—heroic and tragic figure.

Our eternal salvation is not dependent upon our faithfulness or lack thereof in our lives or in our marriages.

We are bound to our spouse, “’til death—’til death us do part.”