

May 9, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 and 2:30 p.m. Student Slingerland

This week Friday, singalong will be held at Inwood Community Center 7:00 p.m. with a time of fellowship after. Please bring a drink or snack to pass.

Saturday, singing to shut-ins starting at 2:00 p.m. Please contact consistory for plan.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service.

June 18 ladies bridal shower for Shelley Hup
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Living Bread 2nd Israel Mission

We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

Dear Congregation,
“*And it shall be...*” (1 Kings 17:4a).

The Lord is a promising God, and He is ever faithful unto what He has promised. It is different with us. We often promise something, and then we forget what we have promised. That is not so with the Lord as may be seen in the life of Elijah. This servant of the Lord is leaving because the Lord has spoken to him about a hiding place. In complete obedience he travels upon a way unknown to him, but he does not go without hope because the Lord is with him. Elijah may go with the promise, “*And it shall be,*” meaning, when you arrive, I will take care of you.

Oh, what a blessed people who may hear that in all their future days the Lord will be there for them. How often when they face serious trials do they look up and ask, “Lord, Thou art there; wilt Thou undertake for me?” Elijah may hear, “*And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook...*” Here the Lord is saying, “Even though all other water sources are drying up, you may drink of the brook I have provided for you.”

Maybe you know what it is when everything is drying up; there is not one drop of water for your thirsting soul. Will such a child of God perish? No, for him there is a faithful covenant-keeping God. “And it shall be that I will sustain you from the fountain of living waters opened in a suffering and dying Mediator.”

“*And I have commanded the ravens (birds of prey) to feed thee there.*” Oh, Elijah, you may believe that your God will care for you. Elijah bows and by faith drinks water from the brook his God has provided. Then he looks up into the sky believing that His God will feed him. How privileged you are when you may look to Elijah’s God.

Your minister,
Rev. J. den Hoed

Confession and Prayer for Church and Nation

See, gracious God, before thy throne
Thy mourning people bend;
'Tis on thy sovereign grace alone
Our humble hopes depend.

Tremendous judgments from thy hand
Thy dreadful power display;
Yet mercy spares this guilty land,
And still we live to pray.

Great God! and why is Britain spared?
Ungrateful as we are;
O make thy awful warnings heard,
While mercy cries, Forbear!

What numerous crimes increasing rise
Through this apostate isle!
What land as favoured of the skies,
And yet what land so vile!

How changed, alas, are truths divine,
For error, guilt and shame!
What impious numbers, bold in sin,
Disgrace the Christian name!

Regardless of thy smile or frown,
Their pleasures they require;
And sink with gay indifference down
To everlasting fire.

O turn us, turn us, mighty Lord,
By thy resistless grace;
Then shall our hearts obey thy word,
And humbly seek thy face;

Then, should insulting foes invade,
We shall not sink in fear;
Secure of never-failing aid,
If God, our God, is near.

~A. Steele

NOTES

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*Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the
LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9*

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