

November 17, 2024

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD6)
6:30 p.m. Reading Service

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD7a)

Advance Notices:

- November 27** 7:00 p.m. Rev. Maljaars (Thanksgiving Eve)
- December 1** 2:30 p.m. service with Rev. Maljaars
- December 2** Congregational Meeting
- December 15** services with Rev. Slingerland

-All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Shepherds Way 2nd Prison Diaries

We Remember in Prayer:

- Mr. and Mrs. Vince and Lindsey Byers and further family as they mourn their baby boy, Asher Bernard-Harold. The funeral was this past Tuesday.
- Mr. Norm Jongetjes, who commemorated his 78th birthday this past Wednesday, the 13th.
- Mrs. Jennie Johnson, who commemorated her 73rd birthday this past Thursday, the 14th.
- Our widows and lonely ones, our families, prodigal sons and daughters, and those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

“And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley tonight in the threshing floor.”
Ruth 3:2

The harvest is past, and as we look into the home of Naomi, we may see how those two widows live from what was gleaned upon the field of Boaz. However, when nothing is added, then every day what they have becomes less. Ruth sees that, and again her thoughts are...how must it be in the future. It is such a blessing for her that she may live with a dear child of the Lord. Notice Naomi's love for Ruth and her ability to instruct her.

Perhaps you may know what that is – a time in your life when every day you may come and glean upon the spiritual field of the Greater Boaz – a time when you may live from the benefits bestowed upon you by this Greater Boaz. Now it is all gone; everything is so empty. Slowly It has become hard and indifferent. You cannot see how it will go in the future. In your darkest moments you may say, “Here is where it will become evident that it was never right in my life.” What a blessing when there may be a Naomi in your life.

Notice in the life of Ruth, Naomi does not spend time saying, “Come daughter, remember how good it was upon the field of Boaz.” She knows that those fields are empty for her. She lets the full light fall upon the person of Boaz. At the same time, she points out the way where Boaz may be found. She says, *“Behold, he winnoweth barley tonight in the threshing floor.”* That is an elevated part of the field where the wind blows to separate the chaff from the corn.

How precious this was for Ruth when such a way was pointed out. How much richer when, for one who is so despondent, there may be that God-given direction, - no, not unto former times and former experiences but unto the Greater Boaz, Who, at the right hand of His Father, is always interceding for He people.

~Rev. J. den Hoed

Invincible grace

How mighty Thou art, O Lord, to convert;
Thou only couldst conquer so stubborn a heart,
For Thy love to lost man alone could constrain
So stiff-necked a rebel to love Thee again.

Thro' Thee I embrace the ransoming grace,
Of Him Who has suffered and died in my place,
Tho' I strove to withstand the force of Thy hand,
Thy Spirit would conquer, and I was constrained.

In vain I withstood, and fled from my God,
For mercy would save me thro' Jesus's blood.
I felt it applied, and I joyfully cried,
Me, me Thou hast loved, and for me Thou hast died.

For sinners like me Thy mercy is free,
Who hunger and thirst for redemption by Thee.
Lord, gather in more; make this the glad hour;
Compel them to yield in the day of Thy power.
~Rev. A. Toplady

Sin is worse than Hell... There is more evil in it, than good in all the Creation. ~Ralph Venning

Sin is the living worm, the lasting fire;
Hell seen would lose its heat, could sin expire.
Better sinless in hell, than to be where
Heaven is, and to be found a sinner there.
One sinless with infernals might do well,
But sin would make of heaven a very hell.

Look to thyself then, keep it out of door,
Lest it get in and never leave thee more.

Fools make a mock at sin, will not believe
It carries such a dagger in its sleeve;
How can it be, say they, that such a thing,
So full of sweetness, e'er should wear a sting?
They know not that it is the very spell
Of sin, to make them laugh themselves to hell.

Look to thyself, then, deal with sin no more,
Lest He who saves, against thee shuts the door
~John Bunyan

Reformed theology uniquely differs from other theological traditions such as Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism, Arminianism, and Socinianism, not only on matters relating to the plan or way of salvation, but also on how to understand sin, its origin, its consequences, and its power over humanity.

For the wages of sin *is* death. (Romans 6:23)

Death is as due to a sinner when he hath sinned as wages are to a servant when he hath done his work. This is true of every sin. There is no sin in its own nature trivial. Death is the wages of the least sin. Sin is here represented either as the work for which the wages are given, or as the master by whom the wages are given; all that are sin's servants and do sin's work must expect to be thus paid.
~Matthew Henry

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I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people. Psalm 35:18

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