

January 31, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
2:30 p.m. Catechism Reading service
Classes after the morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
2:30 p.m. Catechism Reading service
Classes after the morning service.

Advance Notice: February 14, Student Slingerland both services

Bible Study Groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of each month at Living Bread.
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Theological School 2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

- Mr. Zomer and the doctors as they move forward with treatments. Also his wife and family as they care for him.
- Mr. Zomer who hopes to commemorate his 80th birthday on February 2.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

In God's Word we read of many of God's children who have knelt before the Lord. Elijah thought he was the only one still bowing his knees to the God of Israel. In 1 Kings 19:14, we read, "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left." But then the Lord says to him: "Yet I have left Me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal." (1 Kings 19:18).

What do you bend your knees to? Maybe also for an idol. An idol is something that you spend a lot of time on and that

keeps you from the Lord and His service. Take a look at your own life. For example, how long and how often per day do you use your smartphone or iPad or computer? Do you spend as much time on your knees? What is your heart set on? The best sports players? Or on your hobbies, your money, or your designer clothes? On... (fill in the blanks)? Or is it your desire that you can also belong to one of those seven thousand?

Perhaps you sometimes feel alone, just like Elijah. But if you may bow to the Lord and serve Him, He will take care of you. "The pious seed of those who trusted in God, by His power, shall serve Him, live to Him." (Psalm 22:15, rhymed, loosely translated). Then you can find a place in the house where you bend your knees and pray that the Lord will give you strength to remain obedient to His Word, especially in this world full of temptations.

~Translated from the Saambinder

The *snow* covers many a *dunghill*. A snowy white profession covers many a foul heart! The sins of professors are more odious. Thistles are bad in a *field*—but worse in a *garden*. The sins of the *wicked* anger God—but the sins of professing Christians *grieve* him. ~Thomas Watson

Shall we sin because we are not under law?" Rom. 6. 15

What, then! shall Christians sin,
Because freed from the law?
Shall sinners, saved by grace divine,
From holiness withdraw?

Shall grace seduce the mind,
And lead the soul astray?
And souls who under grace are found,
Delight to disobey?

Great God, forbid the thought!
Preserve thy saints in love,
While Pharisees set grace at nought,
Saints shall thy ways approve.
~W. Gadsby

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All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

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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*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.