

December 27, 2020

MEDITATION

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Installation of Office Bearers with Rev. Vogelaar 6:30 p.m. Baptism with Rev. Vogelaar.

No classes after the morning service.

Please note that the city ordinance is still in place. Please retain a six foot distance between families.

This week **Thursday**, we hope to have a New Year's Eve service at 7:00 p.m. with a short member's meeting afterwards.

Friday we hope to have our New Year's Day service at 9:30 a.m.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading service (Starting Rev. Hofman Sr. books). Classes after the morning service.

Advance Notices:

- Bible Study Groups will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of each month.
- Our next singalong will be January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

-All the Lord willing-

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

A new **daily devotional** is available today in the foyer for each family, also our regular attendees. May the time spent with our families reading God's Word and the accompanying meditations be blessed. If you have young children and did not receive a children's Bible history book last year, there are some additional ones of those available also.

Mission calendars are also available for each family.

We Remember in Prayer:

- The call sent out to Pastor van Ruitenburg to be our shepherd
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

"Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?" 2 Kings 4:26b

My fellow travelers to that never ending eternity, the year is quickly drawing to a close and we can repeat with the old Apostle John in 1 John 2:18, *"Little children, it is the last time."*

"Is it well with thee?" My unconverted travelers, know then concerning your soul, it is not well at all. All the sins of this past year have been added to your account. What a thick volume it must be! Sin has never become bitter and grievous unto you, and to that end you have not truly and uprightly wept over your sins and hated and fled from the same. You have not experienced that godly sorrow of which we read in 2 Corinthians 7:10, which worketh repentance unto salvation not to be repented of.

No, then it is not well where the Lord must say in this very hour what was written on the wall of the feasting hall of Belshazzar in Daniel 5:27, *"Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."* We read in 1 Corinthians 16:22, *"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha."* But my friends, when it is not well, then it can still become well by the grace of God.

"Is it well with thee?" For the foolish virgins and hypocrites then I must, according to the Word of God, give the answer, because surely you shall give the wrong answer. Then it is not well with thee. We read in Job 27:8-10, *"For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? Will he delight himself in the Almighty? Will he always call upon God?"* Ah, you have never experienced the exceeding sinfulness of sin, never truly repented, and you do not love the Lord above all.

"Is it well with thee?" My unconverted friends, yet without God, Christ, and hope in the world (Ephesians 2:12): O, bow then your knees and ask the Lord, by His Spirit by grace, to make it yet well in these last moments of this year.

"Is it well with thee?" Seeking souls, tell me now, is it well with thee as the year draws to a close? Or do you not dare to give an answer? Tell me then, have there not been times that you have gleaned with delight on the field of Boaz? Have you not received smiles and encouragements? But also by the uncovering work of the Spirit to commit less sin, and yet become a greater sinner. That you cannot deny. But my sins! That is correct soul: with all your experiences you cannot appear before your Maker.

Therefore, rest not until you may, by the work of the Holy Ghost, be placed on the rock, Jesus Christ and Him crucified (Psalm 61:2 and John 17:3). Naomi said to Ruth in Ruth 3:1, *“My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?”*

“Is it well with thee?” People of God, is it well with your soul concerning its state but also its condition? Have you received special visits, remarkable answers, humbling rebukes, profitable instruction, providential deliverances, and further leadings in the work of a Triune God? Is it well with your thanksgiving? Is it well with your inner chamber? Is it well with your sanctification? Has both the north and south wind of the Spirit blown on your garden (Song of Solomon 4:16)? As a poor beggar, have you needed Christ continually as your Prophet, Priest, and King? Paul has written in Philippians 1:21, *“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*

Young and old, once more I ask you before an all knowing God in all solemnity: *“Is it well with thee? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?”* Husbands, is it well with your dear wife? Wives, is it well with your loving husbands? Parents, is it well with your children? Boys and girls, what must your father and mother answer to this question at the end of the year? Where will you spend eternity? *“Is it well with thee?”* Rev. E.C. Adams

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 or 6:30 p.m.