

**March 24, 2019**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** Morning catechism reading (#87) and evening reading (passion) services. Classes following the morning service.

**Next Week:** Morning reading (passion) and evening catechism reading (#88) services. Classes following the morning service.

**Advance Notices: April 14,** Rev. Vergunst at 6:30 p.m.

**April 19,** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service with Rev. Adams

**May 10,** TBS presentation in our church at 7:00 p.m. on the topic: "What are the differences between the KJV Bible and modern translations".

-All the Lord Willing-

**Offerings Today:** 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund      Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup> NRC Book & Pub                      2<sup>nd</sup>Theological School

**Thank You Note:** Thank you to all those who remembered me in prayers, meals, cards, flowers and visits. I am blessed with family, friends, and healing mercies thus far. ~Mrs. Jennie Johnson

### **We Remember in Prayer:**

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

## **MEDITATIONS**

*"And he trembling and astonished said..." (Acts 9:6a).*

Saul of Tarsus trembled. Why did this man tremble? Because he heard what he was in the sight of a holy God. When he was stopped upon his way, his eyes were opened. Now he has seen the breach between the Lord and himself. He who had always thought that he was heaven bound, he who had no doubt in his mind that he pleased the Lord, now understood that he did not know the Lord. He now saw that he was hell bound.

Can we now understand why this man trembles? How astonished Saul is, yet he is greatly privileged. How can it be said that this man who lies in the dust naked in the sight of a holy God is privileged? Because a man is greatly privileged when the Lord stops him upon his self-chosen way to the great eternity. When the Lord opens his eye and understanding, oh, then he sees the breach between God

and his soul, and he trembles. What can be done now to heal that breach? Nothing; it must be healed *for* him. Saul always thought he knew the way unto eternal life, but he now sees it was all a mistake. He sees a holy, just God and a deeply fallen, lost sinner.

What a wonder when a lost sinner begins to pray. My young people, is this a good time to ask you a question? Have you ever trembled when the Lord placed His Word amongst us, when in that Word you heard that it is not right between God and your soul? Were you ever astonished seeing the breach between God and your soul? One more question—may you pray, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do"?

Your minister, Rev. J. den Hoed

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*"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."  
Isaiah 53:8*

God was manifested in the flesh (1Tim 3:16), and in the flesh He suffered as a malefactor. Undoubtedly the divine nature is incapable of suffering; but the human nature, which did suffer, was assumed by Him who is over all, God, blessed forever, Rom 9:5. But He was justified in the Spirit, and sufficient care was taken, that in His lowest humiliation, though He was condemned and reviled, His character would be vindicated. Though He was cut off from the land of the living, it was only as a substitute for others. He was stricken for the transgressions of His people.

It may seem quite unnecessary to prove the innocency of Him, who, in His human nature, was absolutely perfect, and in whom the presence and fullness of God dwelt; and it is indeed unnecessary to those who believe in His name. It is, however, a pleasing contemplation to them, and has an important influence upon their faith and hope. In this they triumph, that He who knew no sin Himself, was made sin, was treated as a sinner for them, that they might be made the righteousness of God in Him. The High Priest of our profession needed not, as those who typified His office of old, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people; for He was perfectly holy, harmless, and undefiled. And had He not been a lamb without spot or blemish, He could not have been accepted on our behalf. It was the perfection of His voluntary obedience to the law of your nature, under which He submitted to be made, which, conjoined with the excellency of His character as the Son of God, made Him meet, able, and worthy, to expiate our transgressions. By the one offering of Himself, once offered, He has made an end of sin, brought in an everlasting righteousness, and having appeared with His own blood within the veil, in the presence of God for us, and ever living to make intercession for all who come unto God by Him, He is proposed in the gospel as the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

In Him, all the seed of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory, Is.41:17, 25. In Him the true Israel, the partakers of the faith of Abraham, shall be saved, saved to the uttermost, saved with an everlasting salvation; they shall not be ashamed, nor confounded, world without end.

~John Newton

## *Notes*

# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*Give us this day our daily bread.  
Matthew 6:11*

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