

May 10, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services continue to be "listen live" through our website as well as meeting together at the city's ordinance of 50% capacity and according to the guidelines sent out

Today: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service
Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Reading Service.
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings: Please send offerings to Mr. Norm deWit. The May offerings would be for the General Fund, School Fund, Living Bread, and Hudson Taylor. Pentecost collection will be for North American General Mission

We Remember in Prayer:

- All those affected by the coronavirus
- Our widows and widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters.
- All those with hidden crosses

MEDITATIONS

AN ETERNAL DISAPPOINTMENT

"Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." Matthew 25:11-12

There are indeed souls for whom it shall forever exceed expectations. Oh, what a privilege if we may be one of that number. To such it shall be, "Through Thee, through Thee alone, because of Thine eternal good pleasure."

But the Truth tells us also that many will seek to enter in but must remain without forever. It is according to God's own Word that the number of such shall not be small. Many belong to those that are at ease in Zion and trust in the mountain of Samaria. It is very true, the number is great of those that do not hope upon a heaven and who do not believe in a hell, who make themselves believe that no God exists and no eternity follows upon this life. They are those who, in the hardening of their hearts, go onward and indulge in "Let

us eat and drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Oh, what an awakening it shall be for all those infidels, but also for all those Gallios who, during their life, cared for none of those things except for the things of this temporal life. When death comes, then it shall be reality. We read in God's Word about Belshazzar, the king of Babylon, that when he saw that writing upon the wall, his countenance was changed, his knees smote one against another, and the joints of his loins were loosed. He had to meet God.

No one, whosoever he may be, shall be able to escape God's judgment, but we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. God shall prove that He is God and shall eternally vindicate His justice. And if Christ, as the Surety of the covenant has never satisfied God's justice for us and we have remained strangers of the application of that righteousness for our own heart, then it shall be terrible to fall into the hands of the living God. Paul wrote in Hebrews 12, "For our God is a consuming fire."

From the parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins, it appears to us very clearly that there shall be people in the visible church for whom it shall be disappointing, eternally disappointing. They have firmly counted upon heaven, but they land in utter misery.

Let us consider well that it concerns an all-decisive eternity. Reject a ministry which builds you up outside of Christ, but seek an uncovering and stripping ministration which constantly draws you away from your false grounds and which directs to Christ as the only immovable foundation of salvation. May we, by the operation of God's Spirit, learn to consider the things which belong to our eternal peace. May God cause us to awaken out of the sleep of death. May His justice be glorified; to perish and to be cut off with all that is our own, to find our preservation in Christ and our salvation in God.
~Rev. W. C. Lamain

I thought this morning, since true faith is the only means to unite us to Christ, whence we must derive all our spiritual sap and strength (John 15:5); and since the word of God is the seed, whence true faith must spring forth (Mark 4:14) the end of which is salvation: where then are our senses, that we do not with all diligence keep ourselves ever busy with the Holy Scripture, therewith to sow our heart that faith therein may grow more and more? Grant then Lord! That I may be so exercised more and more, and with such an aim.
~W. Teelinck

Notes

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Sioux Falls, SD



*And thou shalt love the LORD thy
God with all thine heart, and with all
thy soul, and with all thy might.
Deuteronomy 6:5*

Consistory

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.