

November 1, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service
2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service
Catechism and Sunday School Classes will resume after the morning service for age 3 through adult.
-All the Lord willing-

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

We Remember in Prayer:

- The election this week, that the Lord might still have mercy on this sinful nation.
- The persecuted church on this International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

“And Hilkiiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.” 2 Kings 22:8a

It is a great blessing and encouragement for the Church, when the Lord may raise up young men to serve in church and land. Josiah, the fifteenth king of Judah, began to seek the Lord when he was sixteen years old. Young people, have we begun to seek the Lord in our young lives? The Lord has promised in Proverbs 8:17, *“those that seek Me early shall find Me.”* In the time of the Reformation, the Lord has used young men. Luther was thirty-four years old when he nailed the ninety-five theses to the door of the church of Wittenberg, and Calvin was twenty-seven years old when he wrote the Institutes of the Christian Religion. In the Scottish church, Andrew Grey was taken home before his twenty-third year,

Hugo Binning became twenty-six years old, and Robert Murray M'Cheyne twenty-nine years old.

In the above text, we read that the Book of the law had been found. This implies that it had been lost and covered with dust. When the Book is lost, then it becomes very evident in a land, in a church, in a family, and in personal life. Then you will perhaps say that in our day the Book is surely not lost, because there are so many Bibles in our country of all sizes and prices.

But is the Book not lost, when we do not read it and search it, as is exhorted in John 5:39? Is the Book not lost for boys and girls when they do not read it personally before they go to bed at night? Is the Book not lost when we do not obey it and walk accordingly? Is the Book not lost when we place tradition above the Word (Matthew 15:6)? Is it not lost when the Book is not the end of all controversy (Isaiah 8:20)? How is it with the Book in our families and churches? Is it perhaps lost?

~Rev. E. C. Adams

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.”

James 1:12

And must it, Lord, be so?
And must thy children bear
Such various kinds of woe,
Such soul-perplexing fear?
Are these the blessings we expect?
Is this the lot of God's elect?

[Boast not, ye sons of earth,
Nor look with scornful eyes;
Above your highest mirth,
Our saddest hours we prize;
For though our cup seems filled with gall,
There's something secret sweetens all.]

How harsh soe'er the way,
Dear Saviour, still lead on,
Nor leave us till we say
“Father, thy will be done.”
At most we do but taste the cup,
For thou alone hast drunk it up.

Shall guilty man complain?
Shall sinful dust repine?
And what is all our pain?
How light compared with thine!
Finish, dear Lord, what is begun;
Choose thou the way, but still lead on.

NOTES

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*O come, let us worship and bow
down: let us kneel before the LORD
our maker.
Psalm 95:6*

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