

October 10, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Classes after the morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services with Student Kleijer. Classes after the morning service.

Advance Notice: Rev. Witvoet on October 31 2:30 p.m.

-All the Lord willing-

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

We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATION

"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust." Psalm 91:2

"I will say of the LORD." These words express the true exercise of faith in Jehovah, the Creator and Upholder of all things. The man that dwells in the secret place of the Most High can truly say this. He cannot say this all the time, but the Lord gives times and seasons that His people may rejoice in the God of their salvation. These people cannot say that man is their helper, but they fall on God's side, and they can declare boldly, "I will say of the LORD."

"He is my refuge." A refuge is a stronghold, a place of safety to flee to in times of danger. What an eternal wonder of free grace to be able to say, "He is my refuge." A refuge in times of troubles, outwardly and inwardly, a refuge when all others fail. Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Trials and troubles can sink you low but remember there is a Refuge in times of storms, and many times the deeper the trial

the more precious is the Refuge. The Lord Jesus Christ is a never-failing and strong refuge for His people. Moses penned in Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge."

"My fortress." In Bible times the cities had fortified walls around them for protection, and here we see a correlation between a city and what Christ is for His people. David expressed in 2 Samuel 22:2, 3, "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; the God of my rock; in Him will I trust." The Lord is this for His people and He alone is that encompassing shield around them, below and over them. His wall of fire, His salvation, and His bulwarks are a fortress to His people.

"My God; in Him will I trust." Here we have the eternal covenant-God who will uphold and care for His people for time and eternity. What a blessing to trust in Him, to honour and adore Him. May you cease to hope in the flesh, build not upon your experiences and frames, but look up to Him who is the Deliverer and Mediator of the spiritual Israel. The true church sighs, "Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation."

Beggars in Zion, look not to self but to Him who is the Alpha and the Omega. The Lord has promised that the good work that He begins He will finish. Satan is the inward speaker that says all will come to naught, but the LORD will never despise the work of His own hands. Broken hearts are welcome at the feet of King Jesus and may all the beggars in Zion remember that there is room found under the shadow of the Almighty. 3

To those who remain a spiritual beggar, lean upon Him who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Deny not what the Lord has done, despise not the day of small things, and that by grace you may cast your burden upon the Lord. He is the only refuge in time of need.

~Rev. P.L. Bazen

Yea, to express the depth of His humility, He was made in the likeness of men, O how did Christ abase Himself in taking flesh! It was more humility in Christ to humble Himself to the womb than to the cross. It was not so much for flesh to suffer but for God to be made flesh - this was the wonder of humility.

~John Flavel

NOTES

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Sioux Falls, SD



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

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*Serve the LORD with gladness: come
before his presence with singing.
Psalm 100:2*

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