

February 11, 2024

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD32)
6:30 p.m. Passion Reading Service
Classes after the morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Passion Reading Service
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-All the Lord willing-

New Periodical: The Paul magazine

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Israel Mission 2nd Kingdom Boundaries

We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows and lonely ones, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

"They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them." Jeremiah 31:9

Until God is pleased to pour out upon us the spirit of grace and of supplications, we cannot worship him aright; for God is a Spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth; nor can we without this spirit offer up that spiritual sacrifice which is acceptable to him through Jesus Christ. When this spirit has been once given and kindled in a believer's breast, it never dies out. It is like the fire upon the bronze altar, which was first given by the Lord himself from heaven, and concerning which God gave this command—"The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out" (Leviticus 6:13). This fire might sink low; it might be covered with the ashes of sacrifice, but it never was allowed to go out for lack of supply of fuel.

So at times it may seem to you as if there were scarcely any spirit of prayer alive in your bosom; and you may feel as destitute of a spirit of grace and of supplications as if you had never known its lively movements and actings. But you will find it drawn out from time to time by circumstances. You will be placed under peculiar trials, under which you will find no relief but at a throne of grace; or God will in tender mercy breathe again upon your soul with his own

gracious Spirit, and by his quickening breath will revive, I will not say kindle, for it is not gone out, that holy fire which seemed to be buried under the ashes of corruption, that inward spirit of prayer which he gave you at regeneration, and which will never cease until it issue in everlasting praise.

~J. C. Philpot

The Afflicted Secure in Christ.

The Lord in Zion reigns,
And will his people keep;
'Tis he the universe sustains,
And well secures his sheep.

Though with afflictions sore
He may them exercise;
Yet still his hand they shall adore,
And still his love shall prize.

Should poverty, and loss
Of every kind of good,
Conspire to make our weighty cross,
Our helper still is God.

May we for ever trust
And glory in his name;
Jesus, the faithful, true, and just,
For ever is the same!

It is one heart-quieting consideration in all the afflictions that befall us, that God has a special hand in them: "The Almighty has afflicted me!" Ruth 1:21

~Thomas Watson

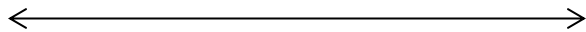
Father: *My son, here is a company of poor miserable souls, that have utterly undone themselves, and now lie open to my justice! Justice demands satisfaction for them, or will satisfy itself in the eternal ruin of them: What shall be done for these souls?*

Son: *O my Father, such is my love to, and pity for them, that rather than they shall perish eternally, I will be responsible for them as their Surety; bring in all thy bills, that I may see what they owe thee; Lord, bring them all in, that there may be no after-reckonings with them; at my hand shalt thou require it. I will rather choose to suffer thy wrath than they should suffer it: upon me, my Father, upon me be all their debt.*

Father: *But, my Son, if thou undertake for them, thou must reckon to pay the last mite, expect no abatements; if I spare them, I will not spare thee.*

Son: *Content, Father, let it be so; charge it all upon me, I am able to discharge it: and though it prove a kind of undoing to me, though it impoverish all my riches, empty all my treasures, (for so it did 2 Cor. 8:9. "Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor") yet I am content to undertake it.*

Blush, ungrateful believers, O let shame cover your faces; judge in yourselves now, has Christ deserved that you should stand with him for trifles, that you should shrink at a few petty difficulties, and complain, this is hard, and that is harsh? O if you knew the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in this wonderful condescension for you, you could not do it.
~John Flavel



Remember that the character you form in the family will, in all probability, follow you through life. As you are regarded by your own brothers and sisters at home, so, in a great measure, will you be regarded by others, when you leave your father's house. If you are manly, amiable, kind, and courteous at home, so you will continue to be; and these traits of character will always make you beloved. But if you are peevish, ill-natured, harsh, uncourteous, or overbearing at home among your own brothers and sisters, so will you be abroad, and instead of being beloved, you will be disliked and shunned. Boys are often disposed to assume a dictatorial, domineering air toward their sisters, as though they thought themselves born to rule and were determined to exercise their dominion over their sisters because they have no strength to resist their tyranny. But I can hardly think of anything more unmanly. To do this to those who, by the relation they bear to you, are entitled to your love and protection is base beyond description. The same is true, though perhaps to a lesser degree, in regard to the conduct of an elder toward a younger brother.

A brother should be kind, tender, courteous, and delicate in his behavior toward his sisters, never treating them with rudeness or neglect and standing ready always to protect them from the rudeness of other boys. He should never speak gruffly to them, not in a lordly, domineering, or contemptuous manner. Such conduct toward other misses or young ladies would be esteemed very unhandsome and ungentlemanly, and why should it not be so esteemed at home? Are your own sisters entitled to less respect than strangers?

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*O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy
name in all the earth!*

Psalms 8:9

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.

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