

September 26, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Student Slingerland. He serves the Sioux Center congregation this evening. No classes today.

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

Advance Notice: Student Kleijer on October 17

Seniors afternoon: The NRC High School students will host an afternoon coffee time for senior citizens on Wednesday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the mini-gym at the school in Rock Valley, IA. They plan to sing Psalters and serve a light lunch. All church and school community members 60 years old and older are welcome.

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd NRC Book & Pub 2nd School Fund

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

“Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long. For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.”

Proverbs 23:17-18

Here the Lord is addressing Himself to a soul labouring under temptation and passing through peculiar exercises; and this is the exhortation that He gives it: “Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long;” watching His hand, submitting to His will, committing everything into His care and keeping; not hardening your heart against Him, but looking up to Him, and worshipping Him with godly fear, “For surely there is an end.”

When the end comes, everything will be made plain and clear. This quiet submission, this watching and waiting, a man

can never be brought to unless he has seen an end to all perfection; an end to his own strength, wisdom and righteousness. To sit still is the hardest thing a man can do. To lie passive at God’s footstool when all things seem to be against us; to have a rough path to walk on, to be surrounded with difficulties, and yet to be in the fear of the Lord all the day long, watching His hand, desiring to submit to His will, seeking only that wisdom which cometh from above, and trusting that He will make the way straight, not putting our hand to the work, but leaving it all to the Lord – how strange, how mysterious a path!

And yet it is the only one that brings solid peace to a Christian; “For surely there is an end.” Whatever sorrows and troubles a man may have to wade through, there will surely be an end to them. If we try to get ourselves out of perplexities, we are like a person trying to unravel a tangled skein of silk by pulling it forcibly; the more it is pulled, the more entangled it gets, and the faster the knots become. So if we are plunged into any trial, providential or spiritual, and we attempt to extricate ourselves by main force by kicking and rebelling, we only get more entangled. The Lord then says, to encourage us to wait patiently upon Him till He shall appear, “Surely there is an end.” This is the universal testimony of the Scripture, that the Lord appears and delivers when there is none shut up or left; and the experience of the saints agrees with the testimony of the written Word, *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”*

-J.C Philpot

There’s not a sparrow nor a worm
But’s found in God’s decrees;
He raises monarchs to their thrones,
And sinks them if he please.

If light attend the course I run,
'Tis he provides those rays;
And 'tis his hand that hides my sun,
If darkness cloud my days.

When he reveals the Book of Life,
O may I read my name
Among the chosen of his love,
The followers of the Lamb! ~ I. Watts

NOTES

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



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

Consistory

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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.