

October 23rd, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Catechism Classes
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

Next Week: 9:30 AM Student Kliejer, Catechism Classes
6:30 PM Student Kliejer

Wednesday: Confession of faith class

Advanced notice: On the 3rd Tuesday of each month we hope to hold a sing-a-long and short topic. This will start at 7:00 PM and be held at church. All are welcome to attend. Topic requests can be forwarded to Derek at nrcsfdsd@gmail.com

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund

2nd offering Today: Alpha Center

2nd offering next week: Israel Mission

Sept Collections: General = \$1,743, Living Bread = \$426,
Emeritus = \$853, Hudson Taylor = \$212, School = \$103

Remember in Prayer:

- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

Meditation:

Believers Exhorted to Conduct Themselves in Anticipation of Such an Inheritance

And you believers, who may anticipate so great a salvation, conduct yourself as heirs of the same.

First, deem all things of this world as too insignificant and transitory than that you would concern yourself with it. Do not set your heart on prosperity, riches, honor, and entertainment. They are not worthy of mention in comparison with this inheritance. Turn away from them and do not permit them to hinder you as you pursue this crown. If you encounter adversity, oppression, persecution, death for the name of Christ, poverty, or whatever else it may be, be not too troubled by it, for in comparison to this inheritance it amounts to nothing. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom 8:18). Yes, suffering prepares us for a greater degree of glory—that is, if one bears it well. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor 4:17). Rather, rejoice in tribulation instead of succumbing to it in discouragement. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him" (James 1:12). In place of the cross the Lord will grant you abundant and eternal comforts. Observe this in (Rev 7:13-17). As this was the last text my deceased father preached upon, I shall quote it in its entirety: "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Secondly, if you may anticipate so great a salvation, then rejoice in this future inheritance. "Rejoicing in hope" (Rom 12:12). Many believers have the deficiency that they focus too much upon the present. They would like to fare a bit better in this world, for this would then yield a somewhat more quiet life for them. At another time they are only concerned about the state of their soul, considering whether they are in the state of grace. Time and again they insist on examining themselves and repeatedly must be able to conclude that they are in a state of grace. Then they insist that they ought to have more sensible grace and more power to resist sin. In the meanwhile, time passes on, and they do not lift up their heart enough to anticipate the great glory they may look forward to. They have but a few fleeting thoughts about it. Instead, one

ought to be occupied in reflecting upon eternity, and upon the certainty and reality of this your inheritance. One ought to focus continually upon the glory of this inheritance, and by faith traverse heaven, beholding how gloriously the Lord Jesus manifests Himself; how the angels bow before Him; in what intimate manner He deals with the glorified saints; what light and immediate fellowship with God they enjoy; how they are moved and filled with a magnificent happiness toward God, Christ, the angels, and each other; how sweetly they may sing the praises of the Lord; and how they may adore and lose themselves in the perfections of God and the perfection of their state! We would then forget ourselves and, so to speak, find ourselves among the glorified multitude. With them we would bow ourselves before the Lord and glorify Him. In coming back to ourselves upon earth, we would then delight ourselves in bringing this glory to mind and we would go our way with joy, not stumbling over every spiritual difficulty. We would then be as someone who departs to take possession of a very great inheritance, and who, presently being poor and destitute, will endure a difficult day of travel. Therefore, I say again, "Rejoice in the hope of glory." "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom 15:13).

To be continued

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Notes:



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O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:
Make known his deeds among the people.

Psalm 105:1

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