

January 24, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m Catechism Reading service
2:30 p.m. Rev. Hofman
Classes after the morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
2:30 p.m. Catechism Reading service
Classes after the morning service.

Bible Study Groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of each month at Living Bread.
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Emeritus Fund 2nd Theological School

Addresses:

Mr. Spaans moved to Riverview Ridge.
105 Westview Dr.
Rock Valley, IA 51247

Mr. & Mrs. Zomer's mail can be sent to their Sioux Falls address and it will be delivered to them.

We Remember in Prayer:

-Mr. Zomer and the doctors as they move forward with treatments. Also his wife and family as they care for him.
-Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATION

"Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul"
(Psalm 69:1)

Psalm 69 is nothing less than a prophecy of the Messiah. No psalm is quoted as often in the New Testament as this psalm. Psalm 69 speaks about Jesus and His suffering. It also portrays David in his suffering. A servant is not more than his master. David shares in the reproach of Christ, as we can clearly see here.

"Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul."
The suffering of the poet is so deep that it cannot be fathomed.

He finds himself in deep waters, he is sinking in a miry pit, and he is weary of his crying. He hopes for his God but there is no answer. Hope deferred makes the heart sick, the Bible says. David stands alone, not understood by the world and scorned by the dead professors of religion. It is the same today. The work of grace in a living soul will always arouse the enmity of a lifeless and yet possessing Christendom.

The enemies of David hate him without a cause. They hate this poor and needy child with a deadly hate. Mighty and numerous as they are, they demand that he restores that which he has not taken away. The psalmist knows, however, that he is innocent before man. In the matter they accuse him of he may unburden his heart in prayer. He is innocent before man.

Is he also innocent before God? Not at all! He says: "O God, Thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from Thee" (vs. 5). Is that not remarkable? When man has to suffer injustice, he can so easily feel a martyr. Self-pity, bitterness, and even hatred begin to take hold of him. Not so with David! Confronted with God's holy justice, he becomes worthy of sinking away in those deep waters. Guilt has been brought home by the Holy Spirit and has been owned by David. By grace he is more concerned with God's honor than with his own comfort. He knows himself a lost sinner.

Here we find the great difference between David and Christ. The Lord Jesus had no sins whatsoever. He never had to say: "O God, Thou knowest my foolishness." And yet He bowed under the burden of sin. He became the Surety of His guilty people. He had to pay their debts. O, that precious Savior! He was willing to restore that which He had not taken away. He came down to this earth to suffer and to die. He sank into the deepest waters and yet He did not shrink back.

Therefore, all those that wait on the LORD shall not be put to shame. Deliverance is coming! At times it may seem that they wait in vain. The waters seem to overflow them. But in those deep ways Christ becomes indispensable to them. He becomes so altogether lovely. He descended deeper than they have fallen in Paradise. And He could say in truth: "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up" (vs. 9).

Do we know something of that holy zeal? By nature, we have a zeal for unholy things. Or we have an unholy zeal for good matters. We may be busy for the church and for God's kingdom, but let us stop once to reflect on it: are we perhaps driven by a Jehu's zeal? Does our diligence really spring from the tender fear of the Lord? Or is it motivated by the carnal desire to be the first

and the best in the eyes of man? Then we shall bring confusion and destruction rather than sanctity and unity.

May the Lord uncover our hypocritical, proud, loathsome existence to us and cause us to seek atonement in the blood of Christ. Dear reader, are you still living for your own account? It is yet the "acceptable time" (v. 13). Seek Him while He may be found. Dear child of God, are you presently in deep waters? Know that your strife will not last forever. There is a precious Savior for a suffering people!

~Rev. C. Sonneveld

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*Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the
LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9*

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

Consistory

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