

June 14, 2020

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** 9:30 a.m. catechism reading service

2:30 p.m. service with Rev Hofman

**Next Week:** 9:30 a.m. Baptism service and 6:30 p.m. service with Rev. Vergunst

-All the Lord willing-

**Collections:** June collections would be for the general fund, school fund, Living Bread, and the Theological School. *Please send offerings to Mr. Norm de Wit.*

### We Remember in Prayer:

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

## MEDITATIONS

### ***“Take heed lest any man deceive you.” Mark 13:5b***

Congregation, the Word of God tells us that we are all upon the way unto our eternal home. That eternal dwelling place will be eternal woe because of our guilt and sin, or eternal well out of free and sovereign grace, in and through Jesus Christ. Let me try to reach out to you in this House of the Lord.

We need to stand still a moment. Where is our journey going? “Take heed lest any man deceive you.” Thus sounds the warning voice of the great prophet and teacher of righteousness. And when He admonishes in this way, would the reason then be that there are many deceivers? We read of this in verse 6, “For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ and shall deceive many.” No, this is not some pessimistic theologian speaking, this is the great Prophet, Jesus Christ, the Son of God speaking. He is saying that there are many deceivers. They are voices that are not sent as a messenger with a God-given message, but voices that come to deceive pertaining to what is most important in our life. They will deceive many by laying a ground for the great eternity where no ground may be laid.

“Take heed lest any man deceive you.” Are the words you receive truth? Do they speak about our deep fall in Adam? Do they speak about the breach between God and your soul? Do they point to an only way opened for the sinner to be saved? Do they say you must be born again? And how are you under such a message? Is it a message which may touch your heart? Oh, remember how many callings the Lord is placing amongst us during these days. They are

saying, prepare thy house for thou shalt die. Please take these warnings to heart. ~ Rev. J. den Hoed

Is there no balm in Gilead?  
No kind Physician there?  
Oh, hearken to Me, sinners  
Who for God do not care.

You're leprous, vile, polluted,  
Corrupt and full of sin,  
No righteousness to save your soul  
Or make you clean within.

Your heart is so complacent,  
You live just as you please,  
God's mercies nor His judgments  
Will bring you to your knees.

But know thou this, oh sinner,  
The day will soon be here  
When you shall stand before the Lord  
In judgment to appear.

Then wilt thou see thy folly,  
Then thou shalt weep and mourn,  
Oh, what a fool, oh what a fool,  
That I the Lord did scorn.

But now my journey's over,  
I can go back no more;  
Oh, that I hearkened while I lived  
For now God's shut the door.

Oh God do Thou turn sinners  
From every evil way,  
Convince them of their need of Thee  
Now in this gospel day.

Thou great Physician, hear us,  
Thy mighty power display;  
Pour on our wounds Thy healing balm,  
Oh grant it now today.

Forevermore we'll thank Thee,  
Give Thee the glory due;  
Unending praise shalt Thou receive,  
All love and honor too. ~J. Swets.

## NOTES

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*He that dwelleth in the secret place  
of the most High shall abide under  
the shadow of the Almighty.*

*Psalms 91:1*

### Consistory

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