

September 19, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Next Week: September 26 9:30, 2:30 Student Slingerland

-All the Lord willing-

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

Collections Received in June and July:

General Fund (June)	\$2255.00
General Fund (July)	\$2033.00
School Fund	\$709.00
Living Bread	\$2432.00
Prison Diaries	\$562.00
Treasured Meditations	\$340.00
Disaster Relief	\$221.00

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

TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME

*“Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain.”
(James 4:13)*

We in this land generally profess, that as we are by sinful nature, we are exposed to eternal death, and that therefore there is a necessity that we get out of a natural condition some time before we die. And those among us who are sensible that they have never passed through any such change as in Scripture is called a being born again, though they be not sufficiently convinced that there is any such place as hell, yet have a kind of belief of it; at least they do not conclude that there is no such place, and therefore cannot but be sensible that it would be dreadful to die

unconverted. Therefore, if they be in a considerable degree of ease and quietness in their condition, it must be because they have a dependence on being delivered out of such a condition some time before they die. Inasmuch as they are easy, remaining in such a condition today, without any prospect of present deliverance, it shows plainly that they depend on another day. If they did not, they could have no quietness in their spirits; because, if there be no grounds of dependence on any further opportunity which they have today, is infinitely dreadful. Persons who are secure in their sins, under the light of the gospel, unless they be deceived with a false hope, are generally so because they boast themselves of tomorrow. They depend on future opportunity; they flatter themselves with hopes of living long in the world; they depend on what shall come to pass hereafter; they depend on the fulfilment of their good intentions as to what they will do at a more convenient season. Men behave themselves as those who depend on another day, when they neglect anything to day which must be done before they die. If there be anything, which is absolutely necessary to be done some time before death, and the necessity of it be sufficiently declared and shown to the person for whom it is thus necessary, if he neglect setting about it immediately, sincerely, and with all his might, certainly it carries this face with it, that the man depends upon it being done hereafter, and consequently that he shall have opportunity to do it. Because, as to those things which are absolutely necessary to be done, there is need, not only of a possibility of a future opportunity; but of something which is to be depended on, some good ground to conclude that we shall have future opportunity; therefore, whoever lives under the gospel, and does not this day thoroughly reform his life, by casting away every abomination, and denying every lust and doth not apply himself to the practice of the whole of his duty towards God and man, and begin to make religion his main business, he acts as one who depends on another day; because he is abundantly taught that these things must be done before he dies. Those who have been seeking salvation for a great while, in a dull, insincere, and slightly manner, and find no good effect of it, have abundant reason to conclude, that some time before they die, they must not only seek, but strive to enter in at the strait gate, and must be violent for the kingdom of heaven; and therefore, if they do not begin thus today, they act as those who depend on another day.

-Jonathan Edwards

NOTES

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*Serve the LORD with gladness: come
before his presence with singing.
Psalm 100:2*

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

Consistory

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