

November 7, 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: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Classes after the morning service.

This Friday, Nov 12, we hope to have our congregational singalong. Location will be announced.

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
 2nd School Fund 2nd Living Bread

We Remember in Prayer:

- Mr. Norm Jongetjes who hopes to commemorate his 75th birthday on Saturday, November 13.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

“Arise, get thee to Zarephath...and dwell there...”
(1Kings 17:9a).

In Hebrews 13 Paul reminds us that “here have we no continuing city.” Time and again we realize that we are only travelers here upon this earth. When we are young, we watch an older generation being carried to the cemetery. When we are old, we are that generation. Who amongst us takes this to heart, and who lifts up the question, “Lord, am I prepared for the end of my life”?

Observe the words in this mediation. The Lord says, “Arise, get thee to Zarephath...and dwell there...” The prophet had not expected this command, this change in his life. It was so good by the brook, and when he could drink of the water, time and again he was reminded that it was the Lord who had given him this place. Also, when the ravens brought him bread and flesh, what more could he need than what the Lord provided for him to eat and drink? Nevertheless, Elijah hears that he cannot stay there.

Why is it that God’s children cannot continue in these tender experiences? Are not these times when they are given to eat and drink of the faithfulness of a good God? Yes, but the Lord does not want His children to make a foundation of their experiences. True, it is good by the brook, but there is danger in coming to accept it. Soon the beggar’s life is missing, and the Lord loves to see His children coming with empty hands. He will then take away the first to make room for further benefits of the Saviour.

~Rev. J. den Hoed

Lord, help me to say

It becomes us to say, It is not necessary for me to be rich, or what the world accounts wise; to be healthy, or admired by my fellow-worms; to pass through life in a state of prosperity and outward comfort; – these things may be, or they may be otherwise, as the Lord in His wisdom shall appoint: but it is necessary for me to be humble and spiritual, to seek communion with God, to adorn my profession of the Gospel, and to yield submissively to His disposal, in whatever way, whether of service or suffering, He shall be pleased to call me to glorify Him in the world. It is not necessary for me to live long, but highly expedient that whilst I do live, I should live to Him. Here then I would bound my desires; and here, having His Word both for my rule and my warrant, I am secured from asking amiss. Let me have His presence and His Spirit, wisdom to know my calling, and opportunities and faithfulness to improve them; and as to the rest, Lord, help me to say, What Thou wilt, when Thou wilt, and how Thou wilt.

~John Newton

Seek to God for wisdom. The wisdom we have by nature is like the weeds the earth brings forth without tillage. Our wisdom since the fall is the wisdom of the serpent, without the innocency of the dove; it flows from self-love runs into self-interest. It is the wisdom of the flesh, and a prudence to manage means for the contenting of our lusts.

Our best wisdom is imperfect, a mere nothing and vanity, in comparison of the divine, as our beings are in comparison of his essence. We must go to God for a holy and innocent wisdom, and fill our cisterns from a pure fountain. The wisdom that was the glory of Solomon, was the donation of the Most High: James 1:5 “If any man want wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

~Stephen Charnock

NOTES

Sermon recordings: Mr. Ryan Rozeboom
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*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.