

June 7, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services continue to be “listen live” through our website as well as meeting together according to the guidelines on the website(member’s page).

Today: 9:30 a.m. audio and 6:30 p.m. catechism reading services

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. catechism reading service
2:30 p.m. Rev Hofman

Advance Notice:

June 21 Rev. Vergunst 9:30 a.m. baptism and 6:30 p.m. services.

-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 with the designation.*

We Remember in Prayer:

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

MEDITATIONS

“What do you think?” the minister asked. “Will the Lord Jesus come upon the clouds tonight?” Suddenly the conversation ceased which was taking place over coffee after church. The minister then asked someone directly, “Do you believe that the Lord Jesus will come tonight?”

This person negated it with, “No, Reverend, not tonight, because the Jewish people have yet to be brought to Christ, and this did not happen yet.”

“What do you think?” the minister asked someone else.

“Not tonight, Reverend,” the woman answered, “First the gospel has to be preached to all nations, and there are many people who have never heard about God’s Word yet.”

“And you, my friend?” the minister continued.

“No, first there will come a flourishing time for God’s Church. We really cannot expect His coming yet.”

“What about you?” the minister continued.

“No, there are old writers who say that first the 1,000 year reign must come.”

The minister went around and inquired of all about this important question. There was no one who believed that Christ would come upon the clouds that night. Not one! Then they wondered what the minister would answer to that question.

Then there came the answer: “My friends, none of us believes that the Lord Jesus Christ will come tonight. Well, in such a night, He will come.”

“I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite” (I Kings 21:7b).

Ahab has taken to his bed like a spoiled child, angry because Naboth has refused to sell his vineyard. In refusing, he touched a sore spot in the life of the king. Naboth pointed to above and said, “The Lord forbids me to sell this vineyard. Regardless of how much you want to pay for it, I cannot go against the Lord.”

Oh, this should have been a warning for Ahab. One of God’s people points to above and speaks about the ordinances of the Lord; but if Ahab chooses to obey the Lord, he must let go of numerous things he does not want to lose. His wife Jezebel comes, and she is certainly not hindered by the ordinances of the God of Israel. She says, “You want that vineyard? I will get that vineyard for you.” Do you hear that Ahab? Your wife dares to go against the God of your fathers. For you, Ahab, you must now choose between your wife and that God.

My young people, is it not the same today—that ongoing struggle—Jezebel or the Lord? It is difficult for our young people. Jezebel allures, deceives, promises, and who then can continue to stand? And Ahab? Ahab can do no more than listen to Jezebel. He is entangled in all the deceit which flows from a corrupt heart. In no time at all, Jezebel has Naboth in court, and with a few people who are willing to bear false witness, she has him condemned to death by stoning. Thus, Ahab now has the vineyard he covets.

My young people, this is also a picture of the time in which we live. What has been sin is no longer sin, and rather than considering God’s Word a blessing, it is felt by many to be a burden. Young people, as you walk life’s journey, ask the Lord to enable you to see God’s Truth as gold, and pray that the Lord’s gold may be blessed unto the saving of your soul.

Rev. J. den Hoed

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*For thou wilt light my candle: the
LORD my God will enlighten my
darkness. Psalm 18:28*

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