

August 22, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Scripture reading following morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. services with Student Slingerland

Advance Notices: September 5 Student Kleijer
September 26 9:30, 2:30 Student Slingerland
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Alpha Center 2nd Israel Mission

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.
- The breadwinners of Christian households, that the temptation to compromise holy principles for advancement in this world would be resisted (Matthew 6:25-34)
- The persecuted church, thinking especially of Christians in Afghanistan in the current situation. We pray for strength for them and conversion of their persecutors.
- All those in the military who are called to protect us, especially that they would look to God to be their Help.

MEDITATIONS

"The burden of Duma. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" Isaiah 21:11

Isaiah, who was placed upon the watch tower by Jehovah as a Prophet of the Lord to observe the events taking place among the nations, heard the anxious inquiry in the dark night of terror and misery which enveloped the nations: "Watchman, what of the night?" The question came from the land of the Edomites. It was a question which was repeated with increasing eagerness, like the requests of a sick person longing for the end of a sleepless night, who continues to ask the one at his bedside what time it is. So often the nights are distressing and burdensome when a person is vexed with pain and anguish and can find no rest. O, how anxiously he

then longs for morning! This was also the case of Edom, upon whom the sentence, the judgement of God, was being executed. Edom, as you know, was of the posterity of Esau; like their father, they were infused and filled with eternal enmity toward God and His people.

God at times reveals matters to His prophets, mysteries which other people were ignorant of. And now, in that land of Edom, there was a burning desire to know how much longer their land was to be oppressed, and if the red morning sky would ever arrive to herald the dawn of deliverance. The answer was, that the morning was come, and also the night. It was night for Edom, and it would continue to be night. For those enemies of Zion there was no hope or expectation. They were rapidly approaching their ruin. Nevertheless, the way of true repentance to God was still proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah, proclaimed to those enemies also.

How exceedingly great is the long-suffering of God! Let each of us consider well that God's long-suffering ends at death, and is no longer experienced in eternity. It will not be found in heaven, for all the elect will have been gathered together and redeemed. Neither will the long-suffering of God be exercised in hell, because the time of repentance will have come to an end, and the wrath of God will be poured out to the full upon the devil with all his cohorts, as well as upon all the condemned souls, for whom no possibility of deliverance will ever again exist. ~Rev. W.C. Lamain

THE PRAYER OF NECESSITY

Could the creatures help or ease us,
Seldom should we think of prayer;
Few, if any, come to Jesus,
Till reduced to self-despair.
Long we either slight or doubt Him,
But, when all the means we try
Prove we cannot do without Him,
Then at last to Him we cry.

Fear thou not, distressed believer;
Venture on His mighty Name;
He is able to deliver,
And His love is still the same.
Can His pity or His power
Suffer thee to pray in vain?
Wait but His appointed hour,
And thy suit thou shalt obtain.
~Rev. J. Newton

NOTES

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