

September 5, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services with Student Kleijer

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Sunday School, Adult, and Catechism classes resume after the morning service.

Friday, September 10, monthly church singalong will be held at our church at 7:30 p.m. with a time of fellowship afterwards.

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

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

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.

MEDITATIONS

"And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening: and he drank of the brook." (I Kings 17:6)

How wonderful and soul-satisfying are the ways of the Lord in the life of His children. Elijah may experience this when he is alone by the brook Cherith. Actually, he is not alone; the Lord is with him.

The birds of prey come in the morning and in the evening. Not once do they fail to appear. You might ask, "Where did these birds find bread and flesh?" It can be said that they received it out the hand of a faithful, good-doing God. Why did they not eat it themselves rather than laying it down by Elijah? Again, it is because they were tools in the hand of a caring God. It is the same with the Lord's people; although they often go their way with many doubts, they need not fear because the promise for them is that the storehouse of the Greater Joseph is always full for the Lord's people.

Elijah's way will be downward, but God's children must go a way of humbling – a way which from our side becomes poorer and poorer in self. However, upon that way the Greater Joseph knows

His children, and when they come with all their emptiness, He opens the door of His storehouse. Then they may learn how sweet it is when He fills their emptiness with the wonderful tokens of his grace. When Elijah was hungering, he was able to look to the means the Lord was willing to use to provide for His child.

How blessed we are when we may also know what it is to hunger and thirst for the Lord- when also we may look to the means, believing that the Lord will use them to provide bread and water for our hungering and thirsting soul.

~Rev. J. den Hoed

More than submission

We must all expect hours of trouble in our turn. We must all feel in our concerns the vanity and uncertainty of creature comforts. What a mercy it is to know from our own past experience, and to have it confirmed to us by the experience of others, that the Lord is good, a Strong Hold in the day of trouble, and that He knoweth them that trust in Him. Creatures are like candles; they waste while they afford us a little light, and we see them extinguished in their sockets one after another. But the light of the sun makes amends for them all. The Lord is so rich that He easily can, so good that He certainly will, give His children more than He ever will take away. When His gracious voice reaches the heart, "It is I, be not afraid; be still, and know that I am God;" when He gives us an impression of His wisdom, power, love, and care, then the storm which attempts to rise in our natural passions is hushed into a calm; the flesh continues to feel, but the spirit is made willing, and something more than submission takes place, – a secret resignation and acquiescence, and even a joy that we have anything which we value, to surrender to His call. ~ Rev. J. Newton

Have I indeed been called of God with this holy, this high and heavenly calling, and spiritually united to the all-precious Redeemer? Can I appeal to himself, that he is my Beloved, and I am His? -God forbid that I should profess, should preach a Jesus Christ, that is not my own. Let union with the Son of God, as effectually made unto me wisdom, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption, be the root, the foundation of all my religion. -Am I indeed crucified with Christ, and yet live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me? And is this life which I now live in the flesh, by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me? - O wonder! wonder! wonder! and espousing God, and I the ugly, wicked, worthless bride! ~John Brown of Haddington

NOTES

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*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.