

November 14, 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.

Thanksgiving Day Service will be a reading service in the morning Thursday November 25.

-All the Lord willing-

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

We Remember in Prayer:

- Mrs. Jennie Johnson who commemorates her 70th birthday today
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

The manner of knowing

The difference between believers and unbelievers as to knowledge is not so much in the matter of their knowledge as in the manner of knowing. Unbelievers, some of them, may know more and be able to say more of God, His perfections, and His will, than many believers; but they know nothing as they ought. Nothing in a right manner, nothing spiritually and savingly, nothing with a holy, heavenly light. The excellency of a believer is, not that he hath a large apprehension of things, but that what he doth apprehend, which perhaps may be very little, he sees it in the light of the Spirit of God, in a saving, soul-transforming light; and this is that which gives us communion with God, and not prying thoughts or curious-raised notions. ~Rev. J. Owen

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

Revelation 21:4

God Himself will wipe away all tears from His children forever. It cannot be any different. When God shall be in the midst of His people there will be no more tears, no more death, no more weeping, no more trouble. God generates tears in conversion: tears of sorrow after God, tears of no communion with God. Tears and joy alternate with each other their whole lives but at the all fulfilling meeting with God, the last tears will have been shed. Blessed and tender are those tears which are shed because of sorrow after God. The blessedness and sweetness of the new earth in the new Jerusalem will far exceed what was experienced here on earth. There is no doubt that God will wipe away their tears because Scripture tell us: “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” Not even one tear, no matter why it was shed, will be skipped: tears of sinning, of little sanctification, of longing for God, of sin that they can never stop on earth because they themselves are sin. God knows them all! In the original it states “erase”. Like a mother blots the tears even from the corners of the eyes of her little child, so God will do that as well. In the new Jerusalem, even traces of tears will be removed and there will be no more thoughts of the past.

As the years fly by, how many tears are shed in secret, how many sorrows are experienced and yet tears will flow until the end. Reader... the question for you and me is: Can we rightly sing with the poet: “Put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy Book?” A horrible future awaits those who look for their fortune on earth and only hunt for gold and silver and remain strangers of tender tears which are shed because God is missing in their lives. The poor sigher on earth, who is not a stranger of these tender tears, will be undeniably happier. His experience will be blessed and sweet when God shall wipe away all traces of sorrow, mourning, pains and weeping from his eyes. Reader... are you one of these poor sighers? ~Rev. F. Mulder

*How blest are they who know the joyful sound;
Who, as the prodigal, were lost and found.
Oh, seek the Lord this Fleeting day of grace!
How blest for aye to see Him face to face.*

NOTES

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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.

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