

October 27, 2024

MEDITATIONS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD4)
6:30 p.m. Reading Service
Classes after the morning service.

There is a singalong after the Rock Valley evening service in the multipurpose room of the school with Rev. Witvoet. Anyone 16 and older is welcome to attend.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
2:30 p.m. service with Rev Adams

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Reformation Day/Election Prayer Service with Rev. Slingerland

Advance Notices:

-November 7 7:00 p.m. The Siouland Modern Media Committee would like to invite you all to join the Virtual Media Presentation: "Fabulous & Fragile: Understanding Mental Health, Technology, and Our Kids", by Protect Young Eyes. This presentation will be focusing on the intersection of research, brain science, algorithms, and potential solutions. We ask that you pre-register for the event using this link:

<http://mnkm.2.vu/pyewebinar>

- November 27** 7:00 p.m. Rev. Maljaars (Thanksgiving Eve)
 - December 1** 2:30 p.m. service with Rev. Maljaars
 - December 15** services with Rev. Slingerland
- All the Lord willing-

The **Siouland Modern Media Committee** would like to invite more members of the congregation to join our committee. This committee works to generate awareness and provide guidance concerning modern media and technology to our church and school communities. Men or women who would like to participate in this cause are encouraged to contact Mr. Craig Timmer for more information.

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund 2nd NAGMission Next week: 1st General Fund 2nd NAGMission

We Remember in Prayer:

- Our widows and lonely ones, our families, prodigal sons and daughters, and those with hidden crosses.
- All those suffering because of war, persecution, and natural disasters.

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 (continued)

These, therefore, convinced, striving, and tempted souls, are the persons to whom Jesus says, "Come to me, and I will give you rest." Jesus has foreseen your cases, and provided accordingly. He says, *Come:* that is *believe*, as He himself expounds it: "He that cometh unto me, shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst," John 6:35. See how His promises suit the state you are in.

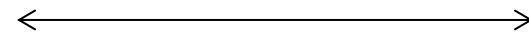
1. Are you heavy laden with guilt? The gospel-message is, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1:7.

2. Are you groaning under the power of indwelling sin? Hear His gracious words: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," John 11:25. And to the same purpose His prophet: "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might, He increases strength," Is. 40:29.

3. Are you striving in the fire to keep the law: "Wherefore will you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" Forego the vain attempt. Is it not written, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth?" Rom. 10:4.

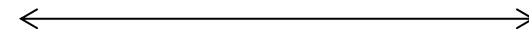
4. Are you in temptation? He that says, "Come unto me," has been tempted Himself (Heb. 2:18), and knows how to pity you. He has power over your enemy, and can deliver you with a word, Mark 1:27. Did he not thus dispossess Satan in the days of His humiliation? And if then, surely He is no less able now; for since that time He has gloriously "triumphed over the powers of darkness", Col. 2:15. And as His arm is not shortened, neither is His ear heavy; He has said, without exception, "Whosoever cometh unto me I will in no wise cast him out" (John 6:37); and thousands who have been in your distress, have successively found that promise fulfilled: "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly," Rom. 16:20; Zech 3:2.

~John Newton

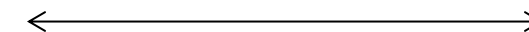


Hypocrisy is too thin a veil to blind the eyes of the Almighty.

~William Gurnall



Wrong views about holiness are generally traceable to wrong views about human corruption. ~J. C. Ryle



See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.* Deuteronomy 30:15-18

Moses here concludes with a very bright light, and a very strong fire, that, if possible, what he had been preaching of might find entrance into the understanding and affections of this unthinking people. What could be said more moving, and more likely to make deep and lasting impressions? The manner of his treating with them is so rational, so prudent, so affectionate, and every way so apt to gain the point, that it abundantly shows him to be in earnest, and leaves them inexcusable in their disobedience.

It is not for every failure in the particulars of their duty that ruin is threatened, but for apostasy and idolatry: though every violation of the command deserved the curse, yet the nation would be destroyed by that only which is the violation of the marriage covenant. The purport of the New Testament is much the same; this, in like manner, sets before us life and death, good and evil; *He that believes shall be saved; he that believes not shall be damned,* Mk. 16:16. And this faith includes love and obedience. *To those who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory, honour, and immortality, God will give eternal life. But to those that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness* (and so, in effect, worship other gods and serve them), will be rendered the indignation and wrath of an immortal God, the consequence of which must needs be the tribulation and anguish of an immortal soul.

~Matthew Henry

The life of Christianity consists very much in our love to Christ. Without love to Christ, we are as much without spiritual life as a carcass when the soul is fled from it is without natural life. Faith without love to Christ is a dead faith, and a Christian without love to Christ is a dead Christian; dead in sins and trespasses. Without love to Christ we may have the name of Christian, but we are wholly without the nature; we may have the form of godliness, but are wholly without the power. "Give me thine heart" is the language of God to all the children of men (Prov. 23:26); and "Give me thy love," is the language of Christ to all His disciples. ~Thomas Vincent

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*I will give thee thanks in the great
congregation: I will praise thee among
much people. Psalm 35:18*

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.