January 26, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading.

Classes following the morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading, 6:30 p.m. Reading

Service. Classes following the morning service.

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund

2nd Emeritus Fund 2nd School Fund

House Visitation: January 28 6:00 Miss Hup and Miss Hup

7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Whichers

We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

A Mother's Prayer

A young man, on whose mind the doctrine of religion had been early impressed by his pious mother's instruction, gave way to evil associations and at length went to sea. Although he was early taught to study the sacred Scriptures, and at one period of life gave hopeful evidence that he desired to be guided by its precepts, he fell deeply into sin, and ultimately became, alas, an abandoned and miserable creature. He was thrown into prisons and workhouses, and into dens of wretchedness and vice; but into all these places his faithful mother seemed to follow him with her prayers and tears.

The mother died, nearly broken-hearted, while her son was in prison, because he had been convicted of crime. He was an object of so much dread that the keepers were afraid to approach him. In about six months, however, the tiger began to grow tame and, to the surprise of everyone, his inquiry was, 'What must I do to be saved?"

I questioned him about his feelings, and he informed me that for two months he had paced his room, with sleepless nights, in agony and remorse, except when his exhausted body would sometimes overcome his painful convictions. I enquired what particular means had led him to his present remarkable change of feelings.

He replied, "My mother's prayers and counsels! Her last words to me were, 'William, there is no other name given under heaven among men, whereby you can be saved, but the name of Jesus Christ.' "

His mother's prayers were answered, and this poor wandering prodigal became a God-fearing soul, a true and consistent follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Children, prize a godly mother's counsel and tremble at the first step towards breaking a loving mother's heart. Where one breaker of a mother's heart is brought to repentance, there are scores who go on in sin and perish.

~Wm. Bradford, a prison chaplain (Reprinted from Banner of Truth, 1952).

"Dost thou ask me who I am?
Ah, my Lord, thou know'st my name:
Yet the question gives a plea,
And supports my suit with thee.

Thou didst once a wretch behold, In rebellion blindly bold, Scorn thy grace, thy power defy; That poor rebel, Lord, was I.

Once a sinner, near despair, Sought thy mercy-seat by prayer; Mercy heard and set him free; Lord, that mercy came to me,

Many years have passed since then, Many changes I have seen, Yet have been upheld till now; Who could hold me up but thou?

Thou hast helped in every need; This emboldens me to plead: After so much mercy past, Canst thou let me sink at last?"

W. Jay

Notes

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Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Psalm 81:1

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