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Luther's Works, Vol. 2, p.397

On Genesis 14:21-24

Thus you see that the holy patriarch Abraham is **endowed with all virtues**. For the sake of his nephew Lot he serves in utmost love those who were unworthy of his kindnesses. When he has achieved the victory, he is not eager to increase his wealth and power but has a heart that is free of ambition, greed, and other lusts; and he clings only to the promise of eternal life and to the Possessor of heaven and earth....

How much different the ungodly descendants are from their father! Abraham is content with **eternal and spiritual benefits**, and those that are material he proudly disdains; but they neither expect nor seek anything but what is material. **They are so little concerned about the spiritual benefits** that they even persecute and hate the preaching of the Gospel, because it is a doctrine that gives no instruction about wealth and power but only about the forgiveness of sins.

Thus Abraham is described to us here as **full of faith and of hope concerning eternal life**. He makes use of this earthly victory as of a field or any other thing that serves only to exercise the body but does not give the heart cause for worry. His heart he keeps attached to the mercy of God and to the promise of the future Seed, in accordance with the statement of the psalm (62:10): **"If riches increase, set not your heart on them."**

He has a wife, servants, and maids; but he has all these as though he did not have them. He is a true monk; for he truly despises the pleasures, glories, and riches of the world, and with his whole heart he

is engaged in waiting for the promise concerning Christ. For this alone he longs and wishes, but other things he rates far below this and almost disregards in comparison with this superb gift.

Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty God, heavenly Father, your mercies are new to us every morning and you, though we in no wise deserve your goodness, abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul; give us, we humbly pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and cheerfully serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
AMEN

The Order of Matins, p. 208

- + "O Lord, open my lips... p.208f
- + Common Invitatory p.209
 - L. "Blessed be the..."
 - C. OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.
- + The Venite p.209f
 - "Oh, come, let us sing..."
 - (Invitatory is repeated)
- + Office HYMN..... **#435**

Psalmody

(Pastor odd verses, Cong. Even)

- Psalm 100..... p. 339
- HYMN #403**
- Psalm 121..... p. 357
- HYMN #500**
- Psalm 67..... p. 331

Readings

- 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- Luke 17:11-19

Common Responsory p.212-213
"Forever, O Lord..."

Sermon

Offering

+ Te Deum p.214-217

- + The Prayers..... p.219
 - Kyrie, Lord's Prayer
 - L. "The Lord be with you." (left)
 - R. "And with your spirit."
 - Collect of the Day (inside)
 - Special Prayers
 - Collect for Grace
- + Benedicamus & Blessing p.222
- + Departing HYMN..... **#499**

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all the temporal and spiritual mercies Thou hast bestowed upon us at all times. Thou dost cause Thy holy, saving Word to be preached to us in purity and truth, comforting, admonishing, warning, and reproofing us thereby, and fully apprising us how to turn from our evil ways, to obtain salvation by faith in Thy dear Son, and to walk before Thee in righteousness and all holy obedience. Thou makest us to dwell in a goodly land; Thou, O Lord, Thyself carest for it; and Thine eyes are continually upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end. Thou hast ordained for us our beloved government and dost endow those in authority with wisdom so to rule, that, being safely kept under their governance, we may pass our days in quietness and peace. Thou dost vouchsafe to us the priceless boon of liberty, so that, without let or hindrance, we may freely serve Thee according to Thy Word, be quickened in our most holy faith, confess Thy name, and spread abroad Thy Gospel, and in our homes and churches and schools teach, our children the knowledge of the saving truth, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of their Lord Jesus Christ. Thou forgivest us richly and daily all our sins and dost not deal with us according to our iniquities. As high as the heaven is above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward us.

We beseech Thee, give us truly thankful hearts, that we may not forget all Thy benefits and Thy never-failing mercies. Enable us to realize that Thy goodness should lead us and our whole people to repentance, and that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies and of all Thy truth, because we have repaid Thy manifold bounties with all manner of sin and unrighteousness and amply deserved that Thou shouldst cause Thy loving-kindness altogether to cease among us. As Thou hast delivered up Thine only-begotten Son for us all, and with Him also freely givest us all things, through Him bestowing Thine abundant blessing upon our land, its government, and its inhabitants, that all men may seek and find Thee in this acceptable time and the day of salvation; do not Thou forsake us, but for His sake be gracious unto us forevermore. With the finger of Thy Holy Spirit write in our hearts the perpetual remembrance of Thy faithfulness. Open Thou our lips, that we may praise Thy grace and mercy, and confess Thy name and Word. As Thou hast prospered us in earthly goods, make us willing and ready to praise Thee by our works and to honor Thee with our substance for the extension of Thy kingdom. Let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, that we have compassion on our neighbor in his need, even as Thou hast had pity on us. Preserve us from vanity and presumption, lest we say: Our power and the might of our hands hath gotten us this wealth; but let us remember Thee, the Lord, our God, by whose power and benediction our beloved Church, our country, and our government are preserved, to the end that we may inculcate upon our children and our children's children for a memorial forever that Thou hast done great things for us and that we rejoice in Thee.

Our soul shall bless Thee at all times and never forget all Thy benefits. Let us walk in Thy ways, until we shall glorify Thee and exalt Thy name in the New Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

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