

## - call to worship

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. I Ezekiel 36:25–27

## - medicación

Thanks be to God, He is a Savior who seeks the lost, who with eyes supernaturally farsighted discerns us a long way off, and draws our interest to Himself by the sweet constraint of His grace, till we are face to face with Him and our soul is saved. As once, in the incarnation, He came down from heaven to seek mankind, so He still comes down silently from heaven in the case of each sinner, and pursues his search for that individual soul following it through all the mazes of its waywardness and the devious paths of its folly, sometimes unto the very brink of destruction, till at last His grace overtakes it and says, "I must lodge at your house." For, besides the divine omniscience here manifested, we are made witnesses of the Lord's sovereign and almighty power.

I Geerhardus Vos

## - reflection

God is the great Initiator of all salvation. Vos helps us to remember here that the Incarnation, even though set toward the saving of all mankind is also, at the same time, a personal call to each sinner. True, He initiated salvation for mankind, but equally true, He came for you specifically. What an amazing and gracious God to even consider or notice us individually, but Jesus in every way during His ministry makes it clear that He loves the world at the same time He loves us individually.

## - prayer ] o sapiencia

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things — come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen.