

Sunday Morning 02-10-19 Pastor Elshout

Pre-service Psalter 17:1, 5 (standing)  
Silent Congregational Prayer  
Votum and Salutation  
Psalter 400:1-3  
Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24  
Response to the Law: Psalter 428:10  
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 13:1-9  
Congregational Prayer  
Psalter 220:1, 3, 6 (offering)  
Text: Luke 13:6-9  
**Theme: The Parable of the Fig Tree**  
**1. The favor bestowed upon the fig tree**  
**2. The examination of the fig tree**  
**3. The continued favor toward the fig tree**  
**4. The future of the fig tree**  
Prayer  
Psalter 69:1, 2, 6 (offering)  
Doxology: "Praise God...."  
Benediction

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is it significant that this fig tree was planted *in his vineyard*?
2. Why did Christ compare the nation of Israel to a *planted* vineyard?
3. Why is it such an extraordinary privilege to be born and raised as members of the visible church?
- 4\*. Why did the owner of the vineyard come looking for fruit?
5. How does Christ, in this parable, illustrate the extraordinary patience and longsuffering of God?
6. How does the vine dresser exemplify the loving concern of faithful ministers of the gospel?
- 7\*. How much extra time to repent did God give to Israel after their rejection of Christ?
8. How does Christ emphasize again that the bearing of fruit is the only legitimate evidence of saving faith?

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Pre-service Psalter 20:2, 3 (standing)

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 40:1, 4-6

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Reading of *The Belgic Confession*, q. 6 & 7

Congregational Prayer

Psalter 68: All (offering)

Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (B. Conf., Art. 3)

**Theme: The Written Word of God**

**1. The nature of this Word**

**2. The inscripturation of this Word**

**3. The blessed purpose of this Word**

Prayer

Psalter 408: All (offering)

Doxology: "May the grace..."

Benediction

1. Why does Article 3 emphasize that we have received the Word of God *not* by the will of man?
2. What can we learn about the heart of God from the fact that He gives us His Word?
- 3\*. Why do we, as fallen sinners, need the written Word of God to know the Living Word God, the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 4\*. Why does God communicate with us by way of words – either spoken words and/or written words?
5. What significant resemblance is there between the Living Word of God (Christ) and the written Word of God?
6. What does it mean when we say that the inspiration of the Scriptures was *organic* rather than *mechanical*?
7. What does it mean when we say that the inspiration of the Scriptures was both *verbal* and *plenary*?
8. What wonderful words of Article 3 reveal the purpose for which God has given us His written Word?

\* Questions for younger children

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