

Sunday Morning 3-10-19 Pastor Elshout

Pre-service Psalter 30:1, 3 (standing)
Silent Congregational Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 184:1, 6, 7
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-20
Response to the Law: Psalter 42:1
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13-15; 53:1-12
Congregational Prayer
Psalter 243:1-4 (offering)
Text: Isaiah 53:1-3
The Suffering Servant of the LORD
1. He is as a root out of dry ground
2. He has no form or comeliness
3. He is despised and rejected of men
Prayer
Psalter 4:1-5 (offering)
Doxology: Psalter 412
Benediction

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so important to recognize that the Song of the Suffering Servant begins in Isaiah 52:13-15?
- 2*. How does Isaiah highlight the prevailing sin of unbelief in the world?
3. Why are the words “a tender plant...out of dry ground” such a remarkable prophecy about the Messiah and the purpose of His coming?
4. How does verse 2 negatively affirm the wonder of regeneration and its remarkable fruits?
5. How does verse 2 also highlight the deep humiliation of the Messiah when He would come in the fullness of time?
6. Why do true believers see such beauty in a suffering Savior?
- 7*. What does verse 3 teach us about the radical depravity of man?
8. How do verses 1-3 form the backdrop for the remainder of Isaiah 53?

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Pre-service Psalter 32:2, 3 (standing)
Silent Congregational Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 40:1, 4-6
Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Reading of *The Belgic Confession*, ques. 8
Congregational Prayer
Psalter 68: All (offering)
Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (B. Conf., Art. 3)
Theme: The Written Word of God (Sermon #2)
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: Psalter 413
Benediction

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

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