

SUNDAY MORNING

11-21-2021

Pre-service Psalter 50:1, 3**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 132:1, 2, 5**

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Response to the Law: Psalter 428:10**

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18:15-24; 36-39

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 213:3-4, 10-12**

Text: 1 Kings 1:18:21

Elijah's Heart-Searching Question to Israel

1. The circumstances prompting this question

2. The sinful behavior exposed by this question

3. The choice demanded by this question

Prayer

Psalter 384: 1, 2, 5**

Doxology: Psalter 315**

Benediction

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2. Why does will-worship always lead to outright idolatry—why did the worship of the golden calves lead to the worship of Baal?
3. What made the worship of Baal so attractive to many Israelites?
- 4*. Why did the drought in Israel only last 3 ½ years rather than seven years?
5. Why did Elijah accuse Israel of halting between two opinions?
6. Why do we find halting between two opinions only within the walls of the church?
7. Why do we hear the echo of God's love in Elijah's searching question?
- 8*. How did God prove to His people Israel that He is the only true God?

Question for Self-reflection

Are we somehow leading a double life? In what ways?

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What is meant by the expression “will-worship”? Which commandment forbids it?

SUNDAY EVENING

11-22-2021

Pre-service Psalter 53:1, 2**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 257:1-3**

Scripture Reading: Romans 13; 1 Peter 2:11-20

Canons of Dort, 3rd/4th Head, Art. 11 & 12 (p. 108)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 266: All**

Text: Belgic Conf. Art. 36 (Romans 13:1)

Theme: Civil Government

1. A government appointed by God

2. A government called to protect the ministry

3. A government to which we must submit

4. A government for which we must pray

Prayer

Psalter 49: All**

Doxology: Psalter 316**

Benediction

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2. Why is it so important to recognize that those who govern us are appointed by God?

3. What does it mean that God has “invested the magistrates (government) with the sword”?

4. In what way must the government protect the ministry of the gospel?

5. To what extent must we submit ourselves to those who govern us?

6*. What is the only lawful reason not to submit ourselves to those who govern us?

7. Why must we pray for those who govern us?

8. Why must we detest those who promote and instigate revolution?

Question for Self-reflection

Do we honor those who govern us as having been appointed by God?

* Questions for younger children

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1*. Why does God appoint “kings, princes, and magistrates (rulers)”?