

SUNDAY MORNING

12-19-2021

Pre-service Psalter 68:1, 4\*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 45:1, 3, 5\*\*

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Response to the Law: Psalter 40:1, 2\*\*

Scripture Reading: Joshua 5; 6:1-2

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 420:1, 3\*\*

Text: Joshua 5:13-15

Theme: Christ Appears to Joshua

1. *The occasion of His appearance*

2. *The manner of His appearance*

3. *The purpose of His appearance*

Prayer

Psalter 257:1, 3, 5\*\*

Doxology: Psalter 196\*\*

Benediction

\*\* *Please stand if enabled*

2. Why would Joshua have gone to survey the city of Jericho?
3. Why is it so significant that we read in vs. 13 that a *man* stood over against Joshua?
4. Why did Christ appear to Joshua with a sword in His hand?
5. Why does Christ refer to the people of Israel as “the host of the LORD”?
6. How did Christ encourage Joshua by referring to Himself as *the captain* of the LORD’s host?
7. How do we know that Joshua recognized this Captain as “God manifest in the flesh”?
- 8\*. How do we know that the Captain appearing to Joshua was the same Person as the One who appeared to Moses in the burning bush?

*Question for Self-Reflection*

# Is the Captain of the LORD’s host also the Captain of our lives?

1\*. How does vs. 12 reveal that Israel was on the verge of entering the promised land?

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Votum and Salutation

Psalter 110:1-3\*\*

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18:20-46

*Canons of Dort, 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Head, Art. 17 (p. 109)*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 365:1-4\*\*

**Text: 1 Kings 18:41-46**

**Theme: Elijah's Prayer for Rain**

**1. A humble prayer**

**2. A persevering prayer**

**3. An answered prayer**

Prayer

Psalter 402:2-5\*\*

Doxology: Psalter 197\*\*

Benediction

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2\*. Why did Elijah go to the top of Mount Carmel?

3. Why is having a prayer closet—a private place of prayer—so important for the Christian?

4. What does Elijah reveal by his posture while he prays?

5\*. Which promise would Elijah have been reminding the LORD of during his prayer?

6. Why would it have been such a challenge for Elijah to hear six times, “There is nothing”?

7. Why did God not answer until Elijah had prayed the seventh time?

8. How did God demonstrate that He is in complete control of our atmosphere?

*Question for Self-reflection*

# Do you persevere in prayer even when it appears that God is not answering your prayer?

\* Questions for younger children

1. Why was Elijah's statement, “There is a sound of abundance of rain,” a statement of faith?