ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, September 19, 2021

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. (Psalm 27:4)

[* indicates standing]

Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements] Confirm re: P & T this Friday

Preparation for Worship: <u>Psalter-Hymnal #491 (Gloria Patri)</u>

*God's Call to Worship (see above)

*Confession of our need for God's grace (Psalm 124:8):

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth"

*God's Greeting to His People

*Song of Response Psalter-Hymnal #48 (1,2,3)

*Opening Prayer

God's Law: Romans 4

Prayer of Confession and Praise

(God's assurance: Romans 4:23-25)

*Song of Praise Psalter-Hymnal #48 (4,5)

Confession of Faith (see bulletin)

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

Worship in giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Song of Preparation Psalter 145A (1,3,4)

Prayer for God's blessing on His Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18; 19:27-29
Sermon: Genesis 18:20-33

*Respond in Song Psalter 25C (all)

*Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)

*(Moment of Silent Meditation)

Sermon: **Genesis 18:20-33**

The prayer of Abraham for Sodom.

We see:

- 1. The background for this prayer.
- 2. The content of this prayer.
- 3. The outcome of this prayer.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,

the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

The Heidelberg Catechism

32. Q. Why are you called a *Christian*?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith[1] and thus share in His anointing,[2] so that I may as prophet confess His Name,[3] as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him,[4] and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life,[5] and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.[6]

[1] I Cor. 12:12-27. [2] Joel 2:28 (Acts 2:17); I John 2:27. [3] Matt. 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10; Heb. 13:15. [4] Rom. 12:1; I Pet. 2:5, 9. [5] Gal. 5:16, 17; Eph. 6:11; I Tim. 1:18, 19. [6] Matt. 25:34; II Tim. 2:12.

116. Q. Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

<u>A.</u> Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness which God requires of us.[1] Moreover, God will give His grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who constantly and with heartfelt longing ask Him for these gifts and thank Him for them.[2]

[1] Ps. 50:14, 15; 116:12-19; I Thess. 5:16-18. [2] Matt. 7:7, 8; Luke 11:9-13.

117. Q. What belongs to a prayer which pleases God and is heard by Him? A. First, we must from the heart call upon the one true God only, who has revealed Himself in His Word, for all that He has commanded us to pray.[1] Second, we must thoroughly know our need and misery, so that we may humble ourselves before God.[2] Third, we must rest on this firm foundation that, although we do not deserve it, God will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as He has promised us in His Word.[3]

[1] Ps. 145:18-20; John 4:22-24; Rom. 8:26, 27; James 1:5; I John 5:14, 15; Rev. 19:10. [2] II Chron. 7:14; 20:12; Ps. 2:11; 34:18; 62:8; Is. 66:2; Rev. 4. [3] Dan. 9:17-19; Matt. 7:8; John 14:13, 14; 16:23; Rom. 10:13; James 1:6.

Short Report of Session Meeting of Sept. 15/21

- Discussed various pastoral matters, including participation at Lord's Supper on Aug.1 & Sept.12.
- Discussed matters relating to ministry to the preborn
- Had a time of sermon discussion.
- Discussed Elder Burrell's ongoing studies for examination of license to exhort.
- Decided that on LS Sundays we will not have the normal fellowship in singing & discussion, but only in eating together. We do this with the understanding that the discussion questions from LS Sunday can be discussed on the following Sunday.
- Discussed items relating to property maintenance and financial matters.
- Next meeting, Lord willing, Oct.28/21.
- Thank you for your prayers, The Session.

CALENDAR

- Wednesday's (6:00 PM)—Catechism class. **To resume in Fall of 2021**
- <u>Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; 6: 00-8:00 PM</u> ["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: (Email your requests for prayer!)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6)

Pray for our <u>country and government</u> and for <u>persecuted church in the world</u>.

<u>Pray for King's</u>: (Sermon-Audio, website, ministry to preborn/below)

- Our individual personal concerns and cares in situations of our lives.
 God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.
 Dave in challenges at work and Card family in his different shifts.
 Parents raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
 Beth & Debbie Card; in Minnesota (returning in Oct.)
- HEALTH: PTL for our health...and restoration to health. Pray for those with concerns/trials (Rev. Gibson)
- LOVED ONES: Friends &family serving in the military
 Holly's parents (father's better health) and PTL for recent discussions.
 Elder Burrell's parents (health); Diana's mother (kidney disease).
 Modolo's in Italy (translating Reformed books; homeschooling).

<u>Pray for ministry to the preborn:</u> J.D. as coordinator.

- Pregnancy Centers (Sharilyn volunteer at Agape).
- Rev Gibson (<u>Abortion-Free KC</u>)
- Michele (Pro-Life Action Ministries (plam.org))
- Pray for all legislation aimed to stop abortions.

Pray for Regional Presbytery and the ministry of sister Churches:

- First Presbyterian Church (FPC) in Suriname (Rev. Hamid).
- Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church (HRPC) in NC (Rev. Booher).
- Pray for covenant children, the youth, and single adults in our churches.

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

- All who work with RCM (Florida office; Board in US & Canada; GNBS).
- Students in College & Seminary
- CLA (Suriname); PTL the school year continues in spite of "restrictions".
- SALT (ministry of Pastor Poettcker with RCM)

Pray for blessing on our worship in Tithes & Offerings.

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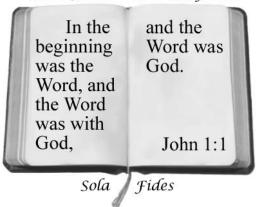
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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M. Lord's Day, September 19, 2021

Questions for discussion [Sermon: Genesis 18:20-33]

1.	What was Abraham's calling in relation to the world? Why (biblically!) is this also our calling?
2.	What are the two parts of the background to Abraham's prayer? How are they related (connected)?
3.	How should we understand v.21 (God's investigation and that then <i>I will know</i>)?
4.	What is the starting point (basis) for Abraham's prayer?
5.	Let's discuss the meaning of the <i>righteous</i> .
6.	What three truths about prayer can we learn from these "steps" in the prayer of Abraham?
7.	What was the "outcome" of Abraham's prayer?