SUNDAY MORNING 11-28-2021

Pre-service Psalter 55:1, 2** Silent Congregational Prayer Votum and Salutation Psalter 224: All** Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-20 Response to the Law: Psalter 435:1, 9** Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18:20-46 Congregational Prayer Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections) Psalter 139: All** Text: 1 Kings 18:36-40 Theme: The LORD God Answers by Fire 1. The setting of His answer 2. The prayer prompting His answer 3. The gospel unveiled in His answer 4. The response to His answer Praver Psalter 260:1-5** Doxology: Psalter 373:1, 2** Benediction ** Please stand if enabled

- 2. Why did Elijah allow the prophets of Baal to carry on for six hours?
- 3. Why did Elijah repair the broken-down altar of the LORD?
- 4. Why is it so profoundly significant that Elijah addressed the LORD as "the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (= Jacob)?
- 5*. Think of as many examples as possible in the Bible that affirm that the LORD is a God who answers by fire.
- 6. Why is it so significant that the LORD's fire consumed the burnt sacrifice "at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice"?
- 7. What is expressed in the words that the people "fell on their faces"?
- 8. Why did Elijah demand the immediate execution of the 450 (850?) prophets of Baal?

Question for Self-Reflection

What rich gospel message is expressed in the fact that the LORD's fire consumed the sacrifice rather than His sinful people?

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1*. Why did Elijah say three times that there was to be no fire under the wood?

SUNDAY EVENING 11-28-2021 Pre-service Psalter 58:1, 2** Silent Congregational Prayer Votum and Salutation Psalter 258:1-5** Scripture Reading: Canons of Dort, 3rd/4th Head, Art. 13 & 14 (p. 108) Congregational Prayer Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections) Psalter 265: All** Text: Belg. Conf. Art. 36 (Romans 13:1) Theme: Civil Government (2nd Sermon) 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 50: All** Doxology: Psalter 374:4, 5** Benediction ** Please stand if enabled

- 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