

SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor B. Elshout  
05-14-2023

Pre-service Psalter 427: 1, 4\*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 84:1, 2\*\*

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Response to the Law: Psalter 325:1, 2\*\*

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-25

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 402:1, 2, 6\*\*

**Text: John 21:15-17**

**Theme: Jesus Restores Simon Peter**

**1. Three heart-probing questions**

**2. Three heart-felt answers**

**3. Three heart-warming directions**

Prayer

Psalter 426:1, 5, 9\*\*

Doxology: Psalter 315\*\*

Benediction

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2\*. Why would the presence of a burning coal fire have been painful reminder for Peter?

3. Why did Jesus address Peter as “Simon Jonas”—his old and original name?

4. What do Christ's three questions teach us about the essence of true spiritual life? How is this affirmed negatively in 1 Cor. 16:22?

5. Why did Peter appeal to Christ's omniscience when responding to Christ's questions?

6\*. Why did Peter grieve when Jesus asked him for third (!) time, “Lovest thou me?”

7. What important thing do we learn about Christ by the fact that He gives a three-fold task to a man who had failed him?

8. Why will Jesus humble a man greatly before He uses Him greatly—as He did with Peter?

***Question for Self-Reflection***

# Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity?

1. What great weakness in Peter's character did Christ expose by His first question to Peter (v. 15)?

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Psalter 143: All\*\*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 130; 2 Cor. 5:17-2

*Westminster Larger Catechism*, ques. 122-125

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 363:1-5\*\*

**Text: Psalm 130:3-4**

**Theme: The Gospel of Divine Forgiveness**

**1. The need for this forgiveness**

**2. The wonder of this forgiveness**

**3. The purpose of this forgiveness**

Prayer

Psalter 233:3, 6\*\*

Doxology: Psalter 316\*\*

Benediction

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2\*. Why do we need to see our sin as God sees them?

3. What did David mean by the expression “If Thou shouldst mark iniquities?”

4. Why is the word “but” in our text referred to as “the hinge upon which the gospel turns”?

5. Why can the God before whom we cannot stand freely forgive our sins?

6\*. What does David mean in Psalm 86:5 that God is “**ready** to forgive”?

7. What is meant by the expression that forgiven sinners are God-fearing sinners?

8. Why is the full pardon of sin the foundational promise of the gospel (cf. Luke 24:47)?

***Question for Self-reflection***

# Does Psalm 130:3-4 express the framework of your own experience?

\* *Questions for younger children*

1. What connection is there between the depths of human experience and our fall in Adam?