SUNDAY MORNING 7/20/14 Dr. Joel R. Beeke Votum and Salutation Psalter 162 Reading of the Law of God Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-14 Prayer Psalter 55 Sermon Text; Heb. 12:3a

8 Ways to Cling to Christ in Trials

Psalter 115:2-4 (standing) Sermon Conclusion Closing Prayer Psalter 387 Doxology of Praise (pg. 415) Benediction

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- 1. To respond rightly to affliction ______ it comes is hard; to look back on it gratefully ______ it is over, is harder; but to live Christ-centeredly ______ affliction is hardest (introduction).
- 2. How can the phrase in Hebrews 4:15—"he was tempted in all points like as we are"—greatly help believers in coping with affliction (point 1)?
- 3. How does Christ's royal power in heaven strengthen weak and fearful believers (point 2)?
- 4. What did David mean in Psalm 139:12, when he wrote, "The darkness and the light are both alike to thee" (point 3)?
- 5. How does Christ's perseverance foster our perseverance (point 4)?
- 6. A prayerless trial is like an open sore, ripe for _____; a prayerful trial is like an open sore, ripe for _____(point 5).
- 7. How is God's Word more than sufficient to meet our greatest trials (point 6)?
- 8. List six of the most important purposes for why God sends trials into our lives (point 7).
- 9. What does Christ ultimately want to achieve through our trials (point 8)?