

SUNDAY MORNING ~ Pastor Elshout
09-12-2021

Pre-service Psalter 10:1, 3**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 107:1, 2, 4**

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-20

Response to the Law: Psalter 333:1, 4**

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 11:9-10; 12

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 322: All**

Text: Ecclesiastes 12:1

Theme: An Earnest Exhortation to

Remember our Creator

1. *The reason: Failure to remember*

2. *The focus: Thy Creator*

3. *The urgency: Now!*

Prayer

Psalter 255:3, 4**

Doxology: Psalter 373:1, 2**

Benediction

** Please stand if enabled

1. What point is Solomon making to young people when in Eccl. 11:9 he seemingly encourages young people to “live it up”?
2. Why does Solomon exhort us to **remember** our Creator?
3. Why does Solomon specifically refer here to God as our **Creator**?
- 4.* What are the many means Gods has given us to remember Him?
5. Why are the days of our youth the best days to remember our Creator?
6. What are the evil days of which Solomon speaks in our text?
- 7.* Why must we remember our Creator NOW?
8. What will be the serious consequences of **not** remembering our Creator?

Question for Self-Reflection

1. Are you prepared to meet your Maker in peace?

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

SUNDAY EVENING ~ Preparatory Service
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Pre-service Psalter 13:5, 7**
Silent Congregational Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 391: All**
Scripture Reading: Psalm 42 & 43
Canons of Dort, Head II, Art. 8, 9 (p. 104)
Congregational Prayer
Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)
Psalter 416:1-3**

Text: Psalm 42:5, 11

**Theme: David Encourages Himself
in the Lord His God**

1. *The need for this encouragement*
2. *The focus of this encouragement*
3. *The fruit of this encouragement*

Prayer

Psalter 417: All**

Doxology: Psalter 374:4, 5**

Benediction

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- 1.* Why does David use the example of a thirsty deer to describe his longing for God?
- 2.* How does David describe his intense inner strife in v. 5?
3. What can we learn from the fact that David asks himself the same question three times? (Psa. 42:5, 11; 43:5)
4. Why is hope in God the only true remedy for spiritual distress?
5. How do the sacraments encourage believers to put their hope in God?
6. What connection is there between the Lord Jesus Christ and "the help of His countenance"?
7. Why does David refer to God as the "health of his countenance"?
8. What is the significant connection between "the help of His countenance" and "the health of my countenance"?

Question for Self-Reflection

1. What is the deep yearning of your soul?

* *Questions for younger children*