

WORSHIP GUIDE

A Survey of Church History, Part 50d: Hendrik De Cock



MIDST THESE PASTORAL TRANSITIONS, a hunger lingered in the hearts of Ulrum's people. They longed for more than moralistic sermons; their souls craved the sustenance of Biblical and God-centered preaching. Dissatisfied with de Groot's approach, they remained discontent with De Cock as well. Ironically, de Groot had identified these seekers as peculiar, urging De Cock to extend them special pastoral care. In this subtle tension, God was weaving a narrative of transformation in the heart of Ulrum's humble congregation.

In his earnest desire to guide his flock, De Cock endeavored to illuminate the path of a virtuous life through education. However, his attempts fell on resistant hearts. Among the faithful who sought guidance, a humble laborer named Klaas Pieters Kuipenga, a regular visitor to the parsonage for catechesis, refused to confess his faith under de Groot's teachings. Kuipenga, a simple and uneducated saint, earnestly conveyed to De Cock that the instruction provided little solace. He expressed a profound unease, fearing that even the smallest contribution on his part to salvation would lead to eternal loss. His soul thirsted for salvation in Christ, yet he felt a drought, with no one to offer the refreshing drink of grace. This poignant struggle echoed throughout the Netherlands, where thousands like Kuipenga yearned for spiritual relief. De Cock, a devoted shepherd, faced the weighty task of aiding these troubled sheep. The pressing question lingered: How could he extend a helping hand to those in need?

As De Cock sought answers, he found himself in the study of a fellow minister in a nearby village. In the course of their conversation, the minister turned to Calvin's Institutes to support a point. Struck by the impact, De Cock requested to borrow the copy and, in doing so, found himself immersed in its pages, reading it repeatedly with a mix of amazement and growing concern.

During this time of immersing himself in Calvin's profound work, De Cock also explored the Canons of Dort, writings from earlier Reformed Dutch theologians, and the more devotional works of a contemporary author, Cornelis Baron van Zuylen van Nijveldt. It was Van Zuylen van Nijveldt's pamphlet, "De Eenige Redding" (The Only Salvation), that opened De Cock's eyes to the profound truth that all godly living is firmly grounded in doctrine.

It's entirely expected that De Cock's preaching underwent a significant transformation after encountering these reformed writings. The more he delved into the profound historical doctrines of God's sovereign and particular grace, the more evident it became in his sermons. His messages, articulating salvation by grace through faith in Christ and His atoning sacrifice, continued to gain clarity. As the word of this impactful preaching spread rapidly through the surrounding countryside, it's no wonder that people, hungry for the Bread of Life, flocked to Ulrum to hear De Cock speak.

Sermon Notes

Job Longs for Resurrection

Job 13:20-14:22

Job rebukes his friends for their false system and he pleads with God for resurrection.

I. Job rebukes his friends: vv. 12:1-13:19

II. Job pleads with God: vv. 13:20-14:22

- a. Job longs to deal with God 13:20-22
- b. Job recognizes sin as the root problem 13:23-27
- c. Job feels deeply the misery of mortality 13:28-14:6
- d. Job feels despair in the face of death 14:7-12
- e. Job longs for resurrection to prove victory over sin 14:18-22
- f. Conclusion: If there is no resurrection, then there is no hope 14:18-22



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.



The Reverend Mr. Leonard Gulstrom, *Presiding*
Ruling Elder Mr. Gary Goeddertz, *Assisting*

The Silent Preparation

The Announcements

The Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1

* **The Psalm of Praise**

Psalm 145:1-7 – *I'll Give You Praise*

Psalm 145A

* **The Prooftext and Catechism**

Ephesians 5:21; Westminster Shorter Catechism #64

see Family Worship Guide

* **The Psalm of Doxology**

Psalm 100:1-5 – *Make a Joyful Noise*

Psalm 100D

* **The Pastoral Prayer**

The Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 13:10-19

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

* **The Worship of God with Our Offerings**

* **The Psalm of Adoration**

Psalm 76:1-12 – *God is Truly Known in Judah*

Psalm 76A

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

Job Longs for Resurrection

Job 15

* **The Prayer of Application**

* **The Hymn of Response**

How Firm a Foundation

see bulletin

* **The Benediction**

* **The Extroit**

see bulletin

* — *Please stand as you are able. Following Scriptural principle for public prayer (Neh. 9:2-4, 2 Chron. 20:5-13; Mark 11:25), we follow in the footsteps of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in standing for most of the public prayers.*

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 For, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
 My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
 What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I only de-sign
 You who un-to Je-sus for re-fuge have fled?
 Up-held by My right-eous, om-ni-po-tent hand.
 And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.
 Thy dross to con-sume, and thy gold to re-fine.

5. E'en down to old age
 all my people shall prove
 My sovereign, eternal,
 unchangeable love;
 And when hoary hairs
 shall their temples adorn,
 Like lambs they shall still
 in My bosom be borne.

6. The soul that on Jesus
 hath leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not
 desert to his foes;
 That soul, though all hell
 should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no, never,
 no, never forsake.

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 Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.
 From *The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.)* 1990

FOUNDATION, 11S.
 Traditional American melody
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Extrait: Psalm 117

(v.1) 1. Praise give the LORD, you nations all; All peo-ples, praise now bring.
 (v.2) 2. His lov-ing-kind-ness doth a-bound; His love tow'rd us is sure.
 Ex - tol the LORD, you peoples all, Ex - tol Him —praise and sing!
 The LORD's great faith - ful-ness endures For - ev - er —praise the LORD!

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 Psalm 117:1-2
 From *The Seedbed Psalter*

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 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 From *The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.)* 1990

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of December 10, 2023



THE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE is meant to be a resource for the families of Armor. This reading schedule is designed to take your family through the Bible in chronological order in 2023, so feel free to adjust this schedule to best fit your family. See Jonathan Rogers, one of our deacons, for further details. This schedule assumes that you have the Book of Psalms for Worship and includes this week's bulletin hymns and Psalms which we'll be singing the following week. If you miss a day, just pick up where you left off and catch up another day.

Weekly Memorization:

Ephesians 5:21

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #64

Q. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Family Worship:

Monday:

Sing: Angels We Have Heard on High (12/10 AM bulletin)

Read: Acts 25:1-27:26

Prayer Request: Mission of the Month: Hopps: OPC to Africa/Haiti

Tuesday:

Sing: How Firm a Foundation (12/10 PM bulletin)

Read: Acts 27:27-28:31; Col 1-2

Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 98B - To the LORD O Sing a New Song

Read: Col 3-4; Phlm 1; Eph 1:1-2:10

Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 84C - Your Dwelling Places, LORD

Read: Eph 2:11-5:33

Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 4A - Give Answer When I Call

Read: Eph 6; Phil 1:1-3:14

Prayer Request: Lost friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 146B - Praise the LORD

Read: Phil 3:15-4:23; 1 Ti 1-4

Prayer Request: For the Lord to prepare our hearts for the Lord's Day

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