MORNING WORSHIP February 16, 2025 Rev. Greg Lubbers

Morning Sermon Outline

The Vanity of the Retribution of Evil

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 8:10-15, Page 771

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 8:10-15

Prelude Organist, Laura Rus

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-3

Prayer of Invocation I. The Dilemma of the Vanity

*Song of Praise TPH#98C "Sing a New Song to Jehovah" A. The Reversal of Destiny

*God's Greeting

Reading of the Law Exodus 20 B. The Delay of Justice

Song of Confession TPH#32A "What Blessedness Belongs to Him"

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 1:18

II. The Remedy to the Vanity Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#73B:1, 4, 5, 7, 11 "Yes, God Is Good to Israel"

A. A Knowledge of the Fear of God

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Scripture Reading: Page 771 Ecclesiastes 8:10-15

Sermon Text Ecclesiastes 8:10-15 B. A Knowledge of the Judgment of God

Sermon *"The Vanity of the Retribution of Evil"*

Prayer of Application

III. The Encouragement given the Vanity

*Song of Dedication TPH#252 "This Is My Father's World"

A. A Life of Practical Joy

Offering The offering is for Reformed Youth Services

*Doxology TPH#568 "Doxology"

*Benediction B. A Life of Perpetual Joy

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

TPH 98C - "Sing a New Song to Jehovah"

- Sing a new song to Jehovah
 for the wonders he has wrought;
 his right hand and arm most holy
 triumph to his cause have brought.
 In his love and tender mercy
 he has made salvation known,
 in the sight of ev'ry nation
 he his righteousness has shown.
- 2. Truth and mercy toward his people he has ever kept in mind, and his full and free salvation he has shown to all mankind.

 Sing, O earth, sing, to Jehovah, praises to Jehovah sing; with the swelling notes of music shout before the Lord, the King.
- 3. Seas with all your fullness thunder, all earth's peoples now rejoice; floods and hills in praise uniting, to the Lord lift up your voice. For, behold, the Lord is coming, robed in justice and in might; he alone will judge the nations, and his judgment shall be right.

TPH 32A - "What Blessedness Belongs to Him"

What blessedness belongs to him who truly is forgiv'n,
 for whom transgressions have been cleared, and covered is his sin.
 How blessed is the one the LORD accuses not of sin,
 the man without deceit and guile,

whose heart is pure within.

- 2. I languished, silent in my guilt; my days were filled with groans.
 Your hand on me pressed day and night, and heat dried up my bones.
 My trespasses to you I owned, hid not my wickedness;
 I said, "I will before the LORD transgressions now confess."
- 3. You pardoned my iniquity and took my guilt away; and therefore while you may be found, let godly people pray.

 The gush of torrents will not harm; you hide me, give me peace.

 You keep me safe, surrounding me with songs of my release.
- 4. Instruction I will give to you, and teach the way to go.
 My watchful eye will guide your steps; my counsel you will know.
 Be not like senseless mule or horse, which cannot understand, with bit and bridle must be curbed to follow your command.

5. The sorrows of the wicked man in number shall abound,
but those who trust in God the LORD, his mercy will surround.
Be glad, you righteous, shout for joy, and give the LORD your praise!
With upright hearts, O saints of God, your joyful songs upraise!

TPH 73B - "Yes, God Is Good to Israel" (Stz. 1, 4, 5, 7, 11)

- Yes, God is good to Israel,
 to ev'ryone whose heart is pure.
 But as for me, I nearly fell;
 my footsteps were no longer sure.
 For I was envious of the proud
 and wicked ones with wealth endowed.
- 4. Their people therefore with them turn to drink from streams that overflow. "For how," they say, "can God discern?" and, "Does the Most High really know?" Behold, ungodly men are these, who gain in wealth and live at ease.
- 5. Then surely I have toiled in vain to cleanse my heart from all offense, and vainly from each guilty stain have washed my hands in innocence. Still grievous plagues all day I've borne, and I was chastened ev'ry morn.
- 7. I entered then God's dwelling place and there I understood their end; you set them in a slippery place, and to destruction them you send. How rapidly destroyed are they, by sudden terrors swept away!
- 11. Those far from you will surely die; you cause all faithless ones to cease.But as for me, I will draw nigh.
 How good that God is near to me!I take my refuge in the LORD,
 that all your works I may record.

TPH 252 - "This Is My Father's World"

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
 all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world:

 I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2. This is my Father's world,
 the birds their carols raise,
 the morning light, the lily white,
 declare their Maker's praise.
 This is my Father's world:
 he shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass I hear him pass,
 he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
- 3. This is my Father's world,
 O let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world:
 the battle is not done;
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 and earth and heav'n be one.

TPH 568 - "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Prelude Organist, Laura Wielard

Song Service TPH#63B, 48A, 122B Leader: Rudy Van Mersbergen

Call to Worship Psalm 67

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#67B "O God, Show Mercy to Us"

*God's Greeting

*Apostles' Creed - TPH, inside front cover

*Gloria Patri TPH#572 "Glory Be to the Father" (unannounced)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#201 "Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know"

Scripture Reading: Page 1319 I Corinthians 11:17-34

Sermon Text: Forms & Prayers, 234 Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 30

Sermon "The Proper Administration of the Lord's Supper"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#413 "Revive Thy Work, O Lord"

Offering The offering is for the Christian Education Assistance Fund (C.E.A.F.)

*Doxology TPH#158:1, 2, 6 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

*Benediction

*Please stand if you are able.

Evening Sermon Outline

The Proper Administration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 11:17-34, Page 1319

Sermon Text: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 30, Forms & Prayers, 234

I. Includes a True Testimony

A. Of a Full Pardon

B. By a Sufficient Sacrifice

II. Includes a Worthy Participation

A. By Those Experiencing Repentance

B. By Those Exercising Faith

III. Includes a Solemn Exclusion

A. The Object of the Exclusion

B. The Reason for the Exclusion

TPH 63B - "O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly"

- 1. O Lord, my God, most earnestly my heart would seek thy face, within thy holy house once more to see thy glorious grace.

 Apart from thee I long and thirst, and nought can satisfy;

 I wander in a desert land where all the streams are dry.
- 2. The loving-kindness of my God is more than life to me; so I will bless thee while I live and lift my pray'r to thee.

 In thee my soul is satisfied, my darkness turns to light, and joyful meditations fill the watches of the night.
- 3. My Savior, 'neath thy shelt'ring wings my soul delights to dwell; still closer to thy side I press, for near thee all is well.

 My soul shall conquer ev'ry foe, upholden by thy hand; thy people shall rejoice in God, thy saints in glory stand.

TPH 48A - "Great Is the LORD Our God"

- Great is the LORD our God, and greatly to be praised.
 Upon a hill God's city stands in glorious beauty raised—his holy mountain high, Mount Zion in the north, the city of the mighty King, the joy of all the earth.
- 2. God makes his city strong by living in her halls.When kings join forces and advance, they marvel at her walls.They stood and looked amazed, in terror took to flight, as anguish gripped like labor pains, they trembled in their fright.
- 3. LORD, you have dashed the ships of Tarshish in your might; you battered them with eastern winds, destroyed them in the fight.

 What we have heard is seen within your city, LORD: the LORD of hosts establishes God's city evermore.
- 4. Within your temple, LORD, in that most holy place, we on your loving-kindness dwell, the wonders of your grace. Your people sing your praise where'er your name is known; by ev'ry deed your hand has done your righteousness is shown.

- 5. Let Zion now rejoice
 and all her daughters sing;
 let them with thankfulness proclaim
 the judgments of their King.
 Mount Zion's walls behold,
 about her ramparts go,
 and number all the lofty tow'rs
 that guard her from the foe.
- 6. Observe her palaces,
 mark her defenses well,
 that to the children after you,
 her glories you may tell.
 For God, as our own God,
 forever will abide,
 and till life's journey close in death
 will be our faithful guide.

TPH 122B - "My Heart Was Glad to Hear the Welcome Sound"

- 1. My heart was glad to hear the welcome sound, the call to seek Jehovah's house of prayer; our feet are standing here on holy ground, within thy gates, thou city grand and fair.
- 2. God's people to Jerusalem repair to hear his word and worship him with praise; the throne of justice stands eternal there, Messiah's throne through endless length of days.
- 3. Let earnest prayer be made for Zion's peace; thy sons who hold thee dear shall prosper well; may blessing in thy palaces increase and peace within thy walls forever dwell.
- 4. For all my brethren and companions' sakes my prayer shall be, let peace in thee abide; since God the Lord in thee his dwelling makes, to thee my love shall never be denied.

TPH 67B - "O God, Show Mercy to Us"

- O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face; so that the whole world over may truly know your way, and so that your salvation all nations see displayed.
 O God, let peoples praise you; let all the peoples praise.
 Let nations come rejoicing and songs of gladness raise.
- 2. For you will judge the peoples with perfect equity; to nations of the whole earth a governor you'll be.
 O God, let peoples praise you; let all the peoples praise.
 The earth has brought its bounty throughout its harvest days since God, our God, will bless us. Yes, God will blessing send, that all the earth may fear him to its remotest end.

TPH 201 - "'Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know" TPH 413 - "Revive Thy Work, O Lord"

- 'Twas on that night when doomed to know the eager rage of ev'ry foe, that night in which he was betrayed, the Sayior of the world took bread.
- 2. And after thanks and glory giv'n to him that rules in earth and heav'n, that symbol of his flesh he broke, and thus to all his foll'wers spoke:
- "My broken body thus I give for you, for all. Take, eat, and live.
 And oft the sacred rite renew that brings my saving love to view."
- 4. Then in his hands the cup he raised, and God anew he thanked and praised, while kindness in his bosom glowed, and from his lips salvation flowed.
- 5. "My blood I thus pour forth," he cries, "to cleanse the soul in sin that lies; in this the covenant is sealed, and heav'n's eternal grace revealed.
- 6. "With love to man this cup is fraught; let all partake the sacred draught; through latest ages let it pour, in mem'ry of my dying hour."

- 1. Revive thy work, O Lord, thy mighty arm make bare; speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy people hear.
- 2. Revive thy work, O Lord, disturb this sleep of death; quicken the smould'ring embers now by thine almighty breath.
- 3. Revive thy work, O Lord, create soul-thirst for thee; and hung'ring for the Bread of Life O may our spirits be.
- 4. Revive thy work, O Lord, exalt thy precious name; and, by the Holy Ghost, our love for thee and thine inflame.
- 5. Revive thy work, O Lord, give Pentecostal show'rs; the glory shall be all thine own, the blessing, Lord, be ours.

TPH 158 - "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (Stz. 1, 2, 6)

- 1. All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light; keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.
- 2. Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ills that I this day have done; that with the world, myself, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 6. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.