

SUNDAY MORNING

7/2/23

Pastor John Byl

Pre-service Psalter 304:1, 6, 7

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 211

Reading of the Law of God

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-22

Reading of the form for Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism

Psalter 425:5

Prayer

Psalter 241:1-5

Sermon Text: Genesis 18:19

Keeping Covenant!

1. *Rooted in relationship with the LORD*
2. *Realized through faith-filled obedience*
3. *Rewarded on account of the LORD's faithful Word*

Psalter 65 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 281

Doxology (Psalter 196)

Benediction

1. *What does it mean that the LORD knew Abraham? Why is it essential that the Lord know you if you are to keep covenant?*
2. *What does it mean to command one's children and household? How is this a demonstration of faith?*
3. *What is the way of the Lord? How is it related to doing justice and judgment?*
4. *Why is our instruction so dependent on the Lord's blessing and the fulfilment of His promises?*

SUNDAY EVENING

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Dr. Joel R. Beeke

Pre-service Psalter 311

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 399

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:37–42;

1 Cor. 7:14; Col. 2:11–12

Reading of the Apostles' Creed*

Prayer

Psalter 215

Sermon Text: Acts 2:39; 1 Cor. 7:14;

Col. 2:11–12 (Lord's Day 27)

Should Covenantal Children Be Baptized?

1. *Understanding basic issues*
 - a. *Covenant membership in the Old and New Testaments*
 - b. *Circumcision and baptism as sign and seal: blessing and cursing*
2. *Additional arguments for covenantal baptism*
 - a. *Expanding nature of the gospel in the New Testament*
 - b. *New Testament inclusion of children (Acts 2:39)*
 - c. *Household baptisms*
 - d. *Children of believers are "holy to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:14)*
 - e. *General consensus of Reformed and Puritan forefathers*
3. *Practical applications*

Psalter 239 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 425:4–6

Doxology (Psalter 199:4, 5)

Benediction

*congregation standing,
reciting Creed together

1. *How does covenant membership in the Old Testament relate to covenant membership in the New Testament?*
2. *How do circumcision and baptism parallel each other in their signs and seals of God's blessing and thus imply God's curse for those who reject His covenant mercies?*
3. *How does the expanding nature of the new covenant versus the old covenant support covenantal baptism for infants?*
4. *How does Acts 2:39 in its context include children, and thus affirm that the covenant promises continue to be in force for believers' children?*
5. *How do "household baptisms" support covenantal baptism?*
6. *What does Paul mean in 1 Corinthians 7:14 when he says that children of even one believing parent are "holy to the Lord"?*
7. *Why have a vast majority of our Reformed fathers argued for covenantal baptism?*
8. *List several practical applications for those who have been baptized as young children of professing parents?*
9. *How should we bring the gospel to our baptized children?*