

Worship Guide

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

Though met with opposition, De Cock didn't emerge as a triumphant hero. Some vehemently resisted, clinging to the modernistic and liberal preaching dominant in the State Church. Colleagues tried hard to sway him from his chosen path, mocking those who embraced the preaching of De Cock as less informed than cattle in a cowshed.

De Cock stood firm, echoing the biblical motif that the weakest means fulfill God's will. Thus, the unassuming and seemingly ordinary pastor of a modest rural church became a resolute champion of sovereign grace, a powerful reformer in Christ's church. In the quaint church of Ulrum, Hendrik De Cock passionately preached to a steadily increasing congregation.

As De Cock fervently proclaimed his message, small events unfolded, each contributing to the culmination of his work. With intensified preaching, the crowds swelled, triggering heightened opposition. The expanding throngs compelled the Consistory to suggest enlarging the auditorium. Despite the congregation raising funds, the project faced resistance from the building overseers who, against the people's wishes, denied permission. This marked the initial whispers of persecution.

Surprised to find the Canons of Dordrecht as a creed of the Churches he served, De Cock, in 1833, published a pamphlet featuring the Canons. In its introduction, he passionately called for "a return . . . to the true service of God . . . which had been forsaken by a majority of the population as it had turned to the idols of man's corrupted and darkened reason." This sentiment didn't sit well with those who preferred the Canons to be left in obscurity within the churches.

As the crowds swelled, people from different congregations sought De Cock to baptize their newborns. Constrained by their conscience, they hesitated to have their babies baptized in their own churches due to heretical practices and the replacement of the old Baptism Form. Unable to affirm the truth of their church's teachings, they turned to De Cock. After thoughtful consideration, consultation, and fervent prayer, De Cock, with his Consistory, baptized these children. This bold move angered the authorities and sparked protests from De Cock's colleagues, who brought the issue to Classis in strong objection.

A committee from Classis delved into an inquiry, during which De Cock boldly released a pamphlet with a powerful title that did little to pacify truth's adversaries: "Defense of the True Reformed Doctrine and of the True Reformed Believers, Attacked and Exposed by Two So-called Reformed Teachers, or the Sheepfold of Christ Attacked by Two Wolves and Defended by H. DeCock, Reformed Teacher at Ulrum." These two teachers, mentioned in the title, were his colleagues who had written against De Cock and the principles he championed.

Sermon Notes

*Eliphaz: The Scandal
of Redemptive Suffering*
Job 15

Eliphaz sees no place for redemptive suffering in this world

I. Redemptive suffering is disgraceful: vv. 1-16

- a. Job's words are empty. vv 2-3
- b. Job's words are dangerous. v 4
- c. Job's words are self-justifying vv. 5-6
- d. Job's words are arrogant. vv 7-10
- e. Job's words are hurtful. vv 11-13
- f. Job's words are unrealistic. vv. 14-16

II. The wicked (meaning Job) deserve to suffer: vv. 17-35

- a. The fears of the wicked. vv. 17-24
- b. The fate of the wicked. vv. 25-35



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, December 17, 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 64:10

* **The Psalm of Praise**

Psalm 146:1-8 – *Praise the Lord*

Psalm 146A

* **The Prooftext and Catechism**

Romans 13:8; Westminster Shorter Catechism #65

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 13:20-25

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

* **The Psalm of Adoration**

Psalm 42:6-11 – *My God, My Soul Is In Despair*

Psalm 42B

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

*Eliphaz: The Scandal of Redemptive
Suffering* Job 15

* **The Prayer of Application**

* **The Hymn of Response**

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

see bulletin

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion of our Lord with His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **The Hymn of Thanksgiving**

In Christ Alone

see slides

* **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.*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ my God!
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down!
 That were a pre - sent far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss,
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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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 abound; 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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Family Worship Guide

Week of December 17, 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:

Romans 13:8

“Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism #65

Q. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

Family Worship:

Monday:

Sing: Go, Tell it on the Mountain (12/17 AM bulletin)

Read: 1 Ti 5:1-2; Tit 1:2; I Pe 1:1-12

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

Tuesday:

Sing: Psalm 146A

Read: I Pe 1:13-5:14

Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 89B – God is Revered

Read: Heb 1-6

Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 91A – Who With God Most High

Finds Shelter

Read: Heb 7-10

Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 5A – Listen to My Words, O LORD

Read: Heb 11-13

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

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 145C – The Eyes of All Are Turned to You

Read: 2 Ti 1-4; 2 Pe 1:1-11

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