SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek March 3, 2024

Pre-service Psalter 72:1-2 \*\* Silent Congregational Prayer Votum and Salutation Psalter 133 \*\* Reading of the Law: Exodus 20 Psalter 243:5.7 \*\* Scripture Reading: Deut. 6:1-12, Ephesians 6:1-4 Congregational Prayer Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections) Psalter 215:1.3-6 \*\* Text: Ephesians 6:4 Confessional Support HBC, Lord's Day 39 (pg 75) *Theme: Gospel Obedience in the Home (2)* 1. Don't provoke your children 2. Do Teach/Train your children Prayer Psalter 278:1-2,4-5 \*\* Benediction Doxology: "Praise God..." \*\* \*\* Please stand if you are able

- 1. What picture of who God the Father is do we gain when we read this verse in light of the rest of the epistle?
- 2. What do fathers (parents) need to begin to obey this command from the Lord?
- 3. Why does Paul address fathers in particular? Does that include mothers, why or why not?
- 4. What does it mean to provoke your children to wrath? Can you give some examples of how we parents can do that?
- 5. What does it mean to bring up your children? What is your aim? What does it mean to nurture your children? What does it mean to admonish your children?
- 6. Where/How can we find Gospel comfort if we realize that we as parents have failed?
- 7. \* Why does the text speak to fathers, are mothers included? What are your parents not allowed to do? What are they called to do instead? Do they need to be perfect? Who alone was perfect? \*

## Question for Self-Reflection

# For Parents: In light of the sermon what are some things you would want to change in your parenting to seek to be more Biblically faithful in your parenting?

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- 2. What does it mean to fear God? What kind of fear is the right fear? What was the just reward for the reviling criminal's deeds?
- 3. Was the repenting criminal initially any different from the reviling criminal? What are some of the things about Jesus that the Lord might have used to bring him to repentance?
- 4. What are some of the ways in which we can see that this criminal had true repentance?
- 5. How does the prayer of the dying thief show us astonishing faith?
- 6. How does the Savior respond to the first criminal, and to the second? What is necessary for us to hear the same assuring words of the Savior one day with joy?
- 7. \* What was wrong with the first criminal's question for salvation? How was the dying thief's question different? Why was he saved? \*

\* Questions for younger children

## **Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. What do the words and attitude of the reviling criminal say about the state of his heart?