

Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC) 2020-2021
Women's Thursday Bible Study #11
Prayer

Last week- spoke of some heavy topics

Remember Christ means "the anointed One ."

Q. 43 How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in his revealing to the church, in all ages , by His Spirit and Word, in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God, in all things concerning their edification and salvation.

John 1:18. / 15:15 and 20:31

I Pet. 1:10-12

Heb. 1:1-2 / 3:2-6 (Deut. 18: 15,18)

Acts 20:32

*Addresses our ignorance. (our need to be taught)

Define prophet. Office - 1) forth teller of message from God to man , so revealing something (unveiling) 2) predictor of future

- from God to man

Wrote Scripture - Word of God

O.T. Books of the prophets

Now ,THE prophet Moses prophesied would come (Deut . 18)

What reveal? The revealed will of God HOW? by his Word and Spirit, for our salvation

Always go together

I Cor. 2: 14 illumination

Primacy of Scripture. Christ comes to us in the Word. Follow the shepherd's voice.

Christ executing the ministry of prophet also in the preaching of the Word (appointed means)

Are we | the modern evangelical church moving away from the primacy of (reading and preaching) Scripture? How do we see this ?

Do we still need the prophetic ministry of Christ?

Must prize the Word and pray for Spirit to make it fruitful

Q. 44 How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God , to be a reconciliation for the sins of his people ; and in making continual intercession for them.

-Representing man to God

Heb. 1:3

Heb. 9: 14 , 28

Heb. 2:17

Heb. 7:25

Is. 53:11-12 - suffering servant Messiah

*Addresses our guilt . (our need to be forgiven and restored to fellowship)

OT priest identifying himself with the animal as a representative of the people - lays his hand on the animal. (graphic symbol of substitutionary atonement)

Also prays for people for mercy. Breastplate worn of 12 tribes. Temporary, ceremonial.

Message of Hebrews - Christ better priest.

We see combination of perfect sinless person and perfect offering (the spotless Lamb of God). Both priest and sacrifice.

Cross

Offering is once. (flagrant error of mass, ongoing)

To satisfy divine justice - pay penalty

(granted forgiveness because justice served)

Reconciled to God - fellowship, friendship now because of his work as a priest

But He continues to serve as our Priest! His intercession on and on

From the right hand of the Father - takes our prayers (in Jesus name)

Part of his ongoing work as Priest representing us

His work secured powerfully and fully our salvation. Jn. 17: (his high priestly prayer) not for world, but for those represented and purchased

Sustains us in our salvation journey

Q. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king,

- in calling out of the world a people to himself
- giving them offices,laws, censures , by which he visibly governs them
- in bestowing saving grace upon his elect
- rewarding them for their obedience
- correcting them for their sins
- preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings
- restraining and overcoming all their enemies
- powerfully ordering all things for his own glory and their good, and also

- in taking vengeance on the rest who knew not God, and obey not the Gospel.

-God ruling , reigning over man

Acts 15:14-16 / Ps. 110/ Isa. 55:4-5 / Gen. 49:10 from the gentile nations
Eph. 4:11 (7 offices, spiritual gifts to the church). /and I Cor . 12:27-28;
Is.. 33:22

Mat. 18:17-18 (I Cor. 5:4-5 practice of church discipline)

Acts 3: 24-31

Rev. 22:12 and 2:10

Rev. 3:19

I Cor. 15:24-25 / Ps. 110

Rom. 14:10-11

Rom. 8:28

II Thess. 1:8-9 / Ps. 110:6 and Ps. 2:8-9 and Rev. 19:17-18 (the rider on the white horse identified as Christ)

*Addresses our rebellion (our need to be subject to)

What did the plaque over the cross say?

If Christ executes the office of king through elders (overseers), how important is church government in the church? (MEANS mentioned below)

What are some practical takeaways?

*Just as we may be prone not to properly think of God as

Triune,emphasizing one over another - so we may be prone to see Christ more in one aspect of Prophet, Priest, King , rather than all three . Which do you think we may neglect?

*Christ has ordained MEANS , which we Re to practice in faith and trust!

*So much of the Old Testament (Covenant) symbolism (tabernacle , temple, sacrifices, worship, etc) pointed to the fulfillment in the New Testament (Covenant) by Christ and the giving of the Holy Spirit, and even further to the heavenly realities themselves! Thus the Unity of the Covenant

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Next week: HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Q. 46-56 (for Dec. 3 and 10)