

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 I 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)