

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

GOD'S WORD in OUR WORSHIP

1. **God's Word calls us to worship** (3 sermons ago)

He calls us; we respond. The "dialogue of worship" – God's Word, & our responses of various kinds (prayer, hymn, offering, AND hearing the Word with reverence & understanding.

2. **God's Word directs our worship**

The "Regulative Principle of Worship" (WCF 21.1)

God tells us what pleases Him in worship; we don't dictate to Him.

- as to parts of worship, content of worship, attitude in worship.

Where does He tell us? In the Bible.

3. **God's Word reveals the content & focus of our worship**

a. **Trinitarian** (WCF 21.2)

The only God who IS, is God the Father, the Son, the Spirit.

How do we know the nature, persons, & works of God?

Only as He reveals Himself in His Word.

b. **Christ centered – Gospel centered**

John 16:14, 5:23; 1:1,14; Colossians 1:18.

How do we know nature, persons, and works of Christ the Living Word?

WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH

CHAPTER 21: *Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day*

1. The light of nature showeth that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and doth good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But ***the acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.***

2. ***Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and to him alone;*** not to angels, saints, or any other creature: and, since the fall, not without a Mediator; nor in the mediation of any other but of ***Christ alone.***

5. ***The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear, the sound preaching and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God, with understanding, faith, and reverence,*** singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ, are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: beside religious oaths, vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions, which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.