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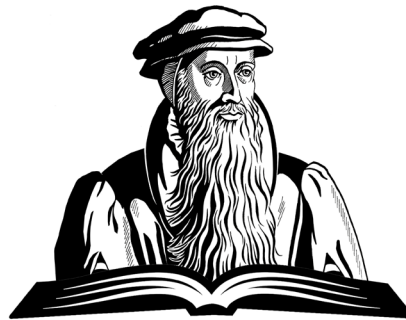
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ADULT STUDY GUIDE

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Christ's Office of Priest

Memorization

Question 25: *How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?*

Answer: *Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: his priesthood.
2. The work of Christ our Priest,
3. The benefit of Christ our Priest.
4. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in the lecture:

- a) Execute _____
- b) Satisfy _____
- c) Reconcile _____
- d) Intercession _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #25, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. What were the regular duties of the priests in the Old Testament?

2. What was the sin offering? What did it signify?

3. What does it mean that Christ was the ordained sacrificial victim?

4. Where did Christ's ordained sacrifice take place? If he was the sacrifice, how did he perform the office of the Priest?

5. Does the Lord Jesus Christ's sacrificial work on the cross need to ever be repeated? Explain your answer.

6. Now that Christ's sacrifice has been completed, how does his priestly work continue? Where is Christ right now? and what is he doing for his people?

7. How is God's justice different from man's justice? Does God's justice ever fail?

8. In 1 John 2:2, it says Christ is "the propitiation for our sins." What is the meaning of "propitiation"? What does it do for the sinner who is trusting in Christ?

9. What benefits are provided by Christ's priestly work?

10. What would happen to a person who does not have Jesus Christ as their High Priest? What is the meaning of the phrase, "taking Christ"?

Further Study

1. How do we know Christ was a Priest of God's appointing?

2. How does it appear that Christ fully satisfied God's justice by his own sacrifice on the cross?

3. What does Christ do for us by his intercession?

Practical Application

1. Read Isaiah chapter 53 and John chapter 17, thinking about the high priestly work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you have Christ as your High Priest? If not, do not rest until you have Christ as your Redeemer!

2. Thinking about the ongoing work of the Lord Jesus Christ as High Priest interceding in heaven for his people, what encouragements does it bring you?

Project Ideas

As Rev. Mattull recommends in this lecture, please read the whole book of Hebrews, and study Thomas Vincent's book, *The Shorter Catechism Explained from Scripture*. Then write an article about how Christ's priestly office differs from the priestly office under the ceremonial law.
