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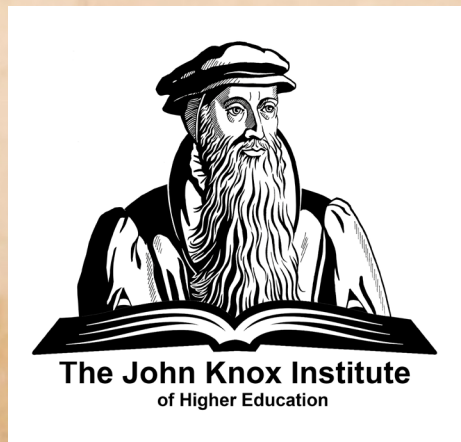
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for Lecture #17

Christ's Office of Prophet
Catechism Questions 23 & 24



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YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #17

Christ's Office of Prophet

Memorization

Question 23: *What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

Answer: *Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.*

Question 24: *How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

Answer: *Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: Christ's offices.
2. What Christ our Prophet does.
3. How Christ our Prophet does it.
4. Conclusion

Basic Questions About Questions 23 & 24

1. What does the word "office" mean in this lecture?

2. What does the word "execute" mean in this lecture?

3. What do the words "prophet," "priest," and "king" mean in this lecture?

4. Paraphrase the answer to Question #23, or put it into your own words.

5. Paraphrase the answer to Question #24, or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *Christ uses his Word and Spirit to reveal the will of God for our salvation.*

1 Peter 1:11 _____

Luke 24:45 _____

2 Corinthians 3:18 _____

Lecture Checkup

1. Describe the office of a prophet of God in the Bible?

2. What was the test of prophets that God gave to his people (Deuteronomy 18:21–22)?

3. Were the Old Testament prophets told to prophecy their own ideas? How important was it that they spoke only what God told them? (2 Peter 1:21)

4. What is the specific message that Christ the Prophet makes known to us?

5. Is it possible to say that the whole Bible is the Word of Christ? Explain your answer.

6. Why is the work of the Holy Spirit necessary in order to give us God's Word? What is the work of the Holy Spirit in us?

7. How are fallen sinners included in God's gospel message of salvation? What is God's will for the fallen sinner?

8. How does the Lord Jesus use his Word and his Spirit to work salvation in sinners?

9. What is the right attitude to have when studying the Bible? What does it mean to "give diligence" when studying God's Word?

10. In this lecture, Rev. Mattull said, “We must study the Word to understand the Word.” How does studying the Word help us understand it?

Practical Application

1. Rev. Mattull gave us several ways of reading the Bible which can benefit us. Please list out his suggestions.

2. To help you study the Word of God in a regular and diligent way, we recommend you make a plan for reading the Bible on a daily basis. You might try the *M’Cheyne Reading Plan* which helps you read the whole Bible in a year, but there are other Bible reading plans available.