

The 1689 Confession
Worship/Study Guide

Chapter 2.2, 3.1, 3.2
God's Decree

Day 1 – God knows everything about us.

Read 2.2

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12

Questions:

What does God know about me?

How does he know?

Catechism:

Q. Does God know all things?

A. Yes, nothing can be hid from God.

Q. Can you see God?

A. No, I cannot see God but he always sees me.

Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Day 2 – God is worthy of all our worship and obedience.

Read 2.2

Scripture: Rev. 5:12-14

Questions:

What makes God worthy of worship?

How do worship and obedience go together?

Can we obey from the heart one that we don't worship?

Catechism:

Q. Where is God?

A. God is everywhere.

Q. Can you see God?

A. No, I cannot see God but he always sees me.

Hymn: "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand"

Day 3 – God has a purpose for everything that occurs.

Read 3.1

Scripture: Eph. 1:1-12

Questions:

What are God's purposes for his people?

What events does this purpose include?

Catechism:

Q. Can God do all things?

A. Yes, God does all his holy will.

Hymn: "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Day 4 – God is not the author of sin, but he uses sinners to accomplish his purposes.

Read 3.1

Scripture: James 1:13-17, Acts 4:27-28

Questions:

How should this truth help us deal with temptation?

How does sin relate to God's purposes?

How should this comfort us when we suffer because of the sins of others?

Catechism:

Q. Why did God make you and all things?

A. For his own glory.

Hymn: "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night"

Day 5 – God knows the future because he is sovereign over it.

Read 3.2

Scripture: Isaiah 46:9-11

Questions:

How does this truth comfort us?

How could this truth tempt us to be passive?

Why should it encourage us to be active? (See Phil. 2:13)

Catechism:

Q. Why should you glorify God?

A. Because he made me and takes care of me.

Hymn: "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"