

OGC CONFSSION CLASS—WEEK 5

Blessed is that man who seeth God in trifles! It is there that it is the hardest to see him; but he who believes that God is there, may go from the little providence up to the God of providence.
—Charles Spurgeon

Reviewing of where we are in the confession!

1. Describing God
2. God's Decree
3. God's Creation

Chapter 5 (God's Providence)

1. Use of Means
 - a. Miserable Anxiety
 - b. Complaining About Life
 - c. Paralyzing Fatalism
 - d. Ruinous Presumption
2. The Care of the Church

How can we Reconcile Sovereignty, Responsibility, and Sin?

1. God is not the Author of Sin!
 - a. Its Origin, Its solidarity, Its effects
 - b. That which is Evil becomes Good
2. The issue of Job

Chapter 7 (God's Covenants are part of His Providential Nature)

1. What is a Covenant?
 - a. Is it a contract?
 - b. Genesis 15
 - c. Concentric Circles
2. Within the Confession
 - a. Thematic Unity
 - b. General Necessity
 - c. Essential Character
 - d. Dual Administration
3. Not within the Confession
 - a. First Expression
 - b. Testamental Character

Review Ahead

1. This is why we needed a Savior who was tempted in every way we are
2. How this leads to our Salvation

Sing praise to God who made a covenant with Noah in the rainbow sign; who chose to make His people Israel from Abraham and Sarah's line. Sing praise to God who spoke to Moses and wrote His law on mountain stone; uniting them through David's throne. Sing praise to God who works redemption in Jesus Christ, the word made flesh; who made a new, eternal covenant written on hearts with grace afresh.
—Bert Polman