

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Deut. 5) & Isaiah 50
Singing: 10:1-3 – 141:1 – 228:1-3 – 72:4 – 383:4 – 236:2, 4

Introduction on the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's supper has the character and use of a pledge or token of love, left by a dying to dear surviving friend. It is like a ring plucked off from Christ's finger, or rather, His picture from His heart, delivered to us with such words as these, 'As often as you look on this, remember Me; let this help you to keep Me alive in your remembrance when I am gone, and out of sight. (John Flavel)

THE LORD'S MINISTRY TO SAINTS WALKING IN DARKNESS (1)

I. His inquiring question II. His pastoral direction

I. The LORD's inquiring question

A. His question has a specific address: *God-fearers – obedient servants* (10a)

1. What is the spiritual portrait of the addressed?

2. If this portrait pictures you, what does that mean? (Canons 1:12)

B. The content of the LORD's question

1. What does the 'darkness, no light' symbolize spiritually?

2. This implies God's children can miss God's assuring comforts

3. Some reasons for the condition of *lack of spiritual assurance*

a. can be God's fatherly chastisement

b. can be self-imposed

c. can be because of littleness or weakness of grace

d. can be because you wrestle with much inner corruption

e. can be because you cling to an unbiblical way of obtaining assurance

C. Two relevant Biblical teachings on assurance of salvation

1. God exhorts to seek for assurance: 2 Peter 1:10-11; Heb. 6:11; Is. 50:10c

2. Assurance of *faith* (Heb. 10:22) differs from assurance of *hope* (Heb. 6:11)

a. definition of assurance of faith

b. definition of assurance of hope