

The Canons of Dort (1619)

**Fifth Head of Doctrine
(The Perseverance of the Saints)**

LORD'S DAY #44

Article 13

Leader: Neither does renewed confidence of persevering produce licentiousness or a disregard of piety in those who are recovered from backsliding;

People: **but it renders them much more careful and solicitous to continue in the ways of the Lord, which He has ordained, that they who walk therein may keep the assurance of persevering;**

Leader: lest, on account of their abuse of His fatherly kindness, God should turn away His gracious countenance from them (to behold which is to the godly dearer than life, and the withdrawal of which is more bitter than death) and they in consequence thereof should fall into more grievous torments of conscience.