

INTRODUCTION

A. ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH & LIFE (*Westminster Confession, c.23; Larger Catechism Q.135,136; reformedvoice.com outlines & audio of sermons in series*)

B. OATHS, GOVERNMENT, MARRIAGE, CHURCH, SACRAMENTS (chps.22-26; see 2Chr.36:12; Heb.6:17; *pledge* of allegiance; “*vows*” of marriage; *oaths* of membership; *signs* of covenant)

I. GOD RULES OVER ALL (Ps.47:2,8; 22:28; 103:19; Dan.2:21f,47; 4:17,25; 5:18,19; Is.10:5; Jer.51:20f)

A. CREATION (Ps.95:3-5)

B. PROVIDENCE (Ps.135:5f)

C. REDEMPTION (1Cor.6:19; Rom.6:18f; see Ex.20:1f)

II. GOD RULES OVER ALL THROUGH MAN

A. CREATION (Gen.1:26f; Ps.8:6f)

B. PROVIDENCE

1. *state: sword of flesh* (coercion; Rom.13:4; Ps.45:3; see Ex.18:13f; Judg.2:16f; 1Sam.9:17; see Ps.75:7; Is.10:5f; Jer.51:20f; Dan.2:20f; Rom.13:1f; 1Pt.2:13f)

2. *family: rod of men* (instruction & discipline; 2Sam.7:14; Ps.23:4; 78:1f; 103:13; Prov.23:13; see Eph.5:22-6:9)

C. REDEMPTION

3. *church: sword of Spirit* (persuasion; Eph.6:17; see Dt.17:9f; 19:15f; Mt.16:19; 18:15f; 1Cor.6:1; 1Tm.5:17)

III. GOD RULES OVER ALL MEN THROUGH THE MAN, JESUS CHRIST (Ps110:1; Mt26:64; Acts2:34;

7:55; Rom.8:34; Eph.1:20; Heb.1:3,13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1Pt.3:22 /Mt.28:18f; *mediatorial* kingship of *incarnate* Son of God)

A. CREATION (Eph.1:21,22a; Col.1:15f; Heb.1:2f; see Gen.1:26f; Rom.5:12f)

B. PROVIDENCE

1. *state* (Ps.2:5f(Acts 13:33); Dan.2:44f; 7:13f; 1Tm.6:15; Rev.17:14; 19:16)

2. *family* (Eph.5:21; 22,25; 6:1,4,5,9)

C. REDEMPTION

3. *church* (Eph.1:22b; 5:23; Col.1:18; 2:10,15; 1Pt.5:1f,4)

IV. SUBMIT TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN HIS CIVIL GOVERNMENT!

A. CONFESS JESUS AS LORD IN YOUR PERSON, FAMILY, CHURCH AND STATE (1Cor.12:3; Phil.2:11; see Ps.2:5-12; 1Tm.6:15; see Ps.2:1f; 93:1; 96:10; 97:1f; 99:1; 110:1f; etc.)

B. KEEP HIS LAW IN YOUR PERSON, FAMILY, CHURCH AND STATE

1. *creation ordinances implicit* (Gen1,2; eg, one God, no idols, no vain speech, Sabbath, (parents: one flesh), sanctity of life, marriage, property rights, truth telling, contentment /Rom.1:18f; 2:14f; 12:17 /*Principles of Conduct* by Jn Murray)

2. *creation ordinances explicit* (Ex.20:1f; Dt.5:6f; Mt.5:17f; 22:37f; Rom.13:3,8f)

3. *creation ordinances applied* (eg, Ex21,22; Dt.; “gen equity”, WCF,19,4; 23,2 /1Cor9:8f; 1Tm5:18(Dt.25:4; 24:15)

C. DIVERSITY VS. PERVERSITY: LAW DEFINES LIBERTY (i.e., creation ordinances; Gal.5:13f; 1Pt.2:16,12f; see Jn.8:34-36; Rom.6:12-23)

D. CIVIL OBEDIENCE & CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE (Rom.13:1-7; 1Pt.2:12f,18; see Dan.3:1f,18; Acts 4:18f; 5:29)

E. THE FREEDOM OF SELF-GOVERNMENT (Rom.13:3; see 1Cor.11:31; 1Sam.8:1f; see Jn.8:34f; Rom.6:17f)

F. CONSIDER THIS CALLING (Jdg.2:16f; 2Sam.7:5; Mt.8:9f; Lk.3:14; see Eph.4:8)

G. PRAY FOR YOUR PRESIDENT AND ALL IN CIVIL GOVERNMENT! (1Tm.2:1f; see Ezra 6:10; Jer.29:7)

H. REJOICE! JESUS RULES OVER THOSE WHO OCCASION YOUR DESPAIR! (Eph.1:17f; Dan.2:44f; 7:13f; see Ps.97:1f; also 93:1; 96:10; 97:1f; 99:1)