

Theology Simply Explained — WSC3 “The Scriptures Teach Us to Trust and Obey”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 3—especially explaining how the Scripture teaches us first and foremost the indicative truths that we are to believe about God, and which form the foundation for the imperative duties that God requires of us.

Q3. What do the Scriptures principally teach? *The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.*

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Catechism question this week. Is number three. What do the scriptures principally teach? And the answer is the scriptures, principally teach. What man is to believe? Concerning god and what duty god requires, man?

Now, one of the important things here is the word principally. Because the scriptures do teach many things under these two principle. These two chief. Categories. And everything that the scriptures teach.

Is true and without error But principally, the two great things that the scriptures teach. Is what man is to believe? Concerning god. And what duty? God requires men. Or. What we call. The indicative. Those throughs. And thought truth. That we are to believe. Declaration of truth, indicative and imperatives.

Those things that we are commanded to do. Now, what man is to believe concerning god includes the fact that God is I think all alone is creator. Everything else this creature. He is holy other and totally different from us. What god is like in himself? All of his perfections, his attributes.

His triune character.

We're also to believe, concerning god. There's things that he has said. Those things that he has revealed about. Himself, and his His decree, what he has planned and intended. He has revealed to us. The things that he promised to do. And the things that he has done, The things that he still promises to do.

In all him, he is redeeming things that he The promises and threatens and declares you will do. More generally and in the future. In the world with all people.

So, there really is much in the scripture. That we are to believe. Concerning god? And one of the helpful things, That we can do. And we're talking about the Reason for the scriptures as we can. Consider roman's 15 verse 4. Which says that. The scriptures were given so that through them.

We might have comfort and hope. Through believing and first Corinthians. Chapter 10 where it says. That these things are written down for our admonition. Up on whom the ends of the ages have come. Some books. Of the bible, tell us their purposes. Perhaps most notably John. And first john, john says, That, that book was written.

So that we might believe and having and believing have eternal life. First, john tells us that it was written so that we may know, That we believe. And so the first great thing that the scriptures principally teach, Is what man is to believe in God. What managed to believe?

Concerning God, the second thing is what duty god requires a man. Because god has created us in his image which of course, is one of the things we were to believe concerning god. Then we above all the creatures. Have a moral capacity and a moral duty. Now we are to do what god has.

Required of of us whether by explicit command. Or implicit requirement. As well.

The. To fear God and keep his commandments. Ecclesiastes tells us, Is the whole duty of men, so the The scriptures are all.

Like well-driven nails given by one. Shepherd. When the conclusion of the whole matter is, Fear god, and keep his commandments for this as man's all. So fear god, what man is to believe? Concerning god keep his commandments. The duty that God requires of us. And so we don't come to the scriptures.

With our own agenda. Demanding that they satisfy our curiosity. We come to the scriptures. Knowing that they are god's word and therefore, god, and sets the agenda. Through his scriptures. Seeing what they say, we are to believe and what they say. We are to do. So what do the scriptures principally?

Teach the scripture. Principally. Teach What man is to believe, concerning god. And what duty god requires a man.