

Applications Invited

Imagine this advertisement:

This church invites applications from suitable candidates for the post of pastor. Only those who are prepared to commit fully to John Owen's rubric need apply.

John Owen:

On this office [of pastor], and the discharge of it, [Christ] has laid the whole weight of the order, rule and edification of his church, in his name and by virtue of his authority.¹

Would you apply? Is any mere mortal up to the job? Above all, is Owen's rubric scriptural? Do the proof texts he cited substantiate his claim?

If you want my view, please see my *The Pastor: Does He Exist?*

¹ Owen cited Acts 20:28; Col. 4:17; 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Rev. 2:1-5, etc., as proof texts. Taken from John Owen: *The True Nature of a Gospel Church*.