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 Chapters 22, Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day
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- Paragraph 2 – The Object of Worship

- God Himself.
 - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to Him alone.
 - Not to “them alone,” but to “Him alone.”
 - See Matt 4:9-10; Jn 4:23; Matt 28:19
- There are also denials here about the object of worship.
 - Not to angels.
 - Not to saints.
 - Not to other things in creation.
 - See Rom 1:25; Col 2:18; Rev 19:10
- Through the mediation of Jesus Christ alone. Jn 14:6; 1 Tim 2:5

- Paragraph 3 – Prayer

- All men are required to pray to God, and they know this by nature. Ps 95:1-7; 65:2
- Acceptable prayer has three qualities.
 - First, it must be made in the name of the Son. Jn 14:13-14
 - Second, it must be by the help of the Spirit. Rom 8:26
 - Third, it must be according to God's revealed will. 1 Jn 5:14
- Prayer must include seven things. Understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance.
- Finally, it must happen in a known tongue. 1 Cor 14:16-17.

- Paragraph 4 – Principles Governing Prayer

- “Prayer is to be made for all things lawful.”
- “And for all sorts of men living or that shall live hereafter.”
- “But not for the dead.” 2 Sam 12:21-23.
- Prayer is “not for those of whom it may be known that they have sinned the sin unto death.” 1 Jn 5:16.

- Paragraph 5 – The Elements of Worship

- The Elements:
 - “The reading of the Scriptures (2 Tim 4:13).
 - Preaching, and hearing the Word of God (2 Tim 4:2; Lk 8:18).
 - Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord (Col 3:16; Eph 5:19).
 - As also the administration of baptism (Matt 28:19-20) and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:26).”
- The Manner of Practicing the Elements: “To be performed in obedience to Him, with understanding, faith, reverence, and godly fear; moreover, solemn humiliation, with fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions, ought to be used in an holy and religious manner.” Esther 4:16; Joel 2:12; Exod 15:1-19; Ps 107
 - The idea here is that worship is to be done before God.
 - There are also “occasional forms” of worship listed here.
 - Solemn humiliation with fasting.
 - A day of Thanksgiving may be called.

- Paragraph 6 – The Place of Worship

- First, prayer is not tied to any particular place. Jon 4:21; Mal 1:11; 1 Tim 2:8
- Second, the place of worship is not tied to a specific direction.
- Third, God is to be worshipped everywhere in Spirit and in Truth, in private families daily, and in secret by yourself. Acts 10:2; Matt 6:6, 11; Ps 55:17
- Fourth, God is to be worshipped especially in the public assemblies of the church, not carelessly or willfully to be forsaken. Heb 10:25; Acts 2:42