

## THEOLOGY PROPER.

### DEFINITION.

§ 19. Theology in the narrower sense of the term is the doctrine of Holy Scripture concerning the true God.

### GOD.

§ 20. God is the one indivisible, immutable, infinite Spirit, who is life, intelligence, wisdom, will, holiness, justice, truth, goodness, and power, one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### EXISTENCE OF GOD.

§ 21. The existence of God is not only evidenced by the works of creation<sup>1</sup> and by man's conscience,<sup>2</sup> but is taught wherever God is named and His works are mentioned in Holy Writ.<sup>3</sup>

#### 1.

Rom. 1, 19—21: Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him *from the creation of the world* are clearly seen, being understood *by the things that are made*, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when *they knew God*, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Ps. 19, 1—3: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

#### 2.

Rom. 2, 15: Which show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.

#### 3.

Gen. 1, 1: In the beginning *God* created the heaven and the earth.

Rev. 22, 19: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, *God* shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Ps. 90, 2: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, *Thou art God*.

Ps. 14, 1: The *fool* hath said in his heart, There is no God.

SPIRITUALITY AND PERSONALITY.

§ 22. God is not a power subsisting in, or exerted by, a material being or number of beings, nor a material being endowed with, or exerting, power, nor a being composed of a material nature and a spiritual nature, but a spirit complete and subsisting in Himself.

John 4, 24: God is a *Spirit*: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Exod. 3, 14: And God said unto Moses, *I Am That I Am*. And He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, *I Am* hath sent me unto you.

John 5, 26: For as the Father *hath life in Himself*, so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself.

Is. 41, 4: Who hath *wrought and done it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; *I am He*.

Is. 48, 12: Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called: I am He; I am the first, I also am the last.

Acts 17, 28: For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

Col. 1, 16. 17: For *by Him were all things created*, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him. And *He is before all things*, and *by Him all things consist*.

Ps. 104, 24: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In *wisdom* hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

Ps. 90, 2: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever *Thou hadst formed the earth* and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, *Thou art God*.

Is. 42, 8: I am the Lord, that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

UNITY OF GOD.

§ 23. God is one,<sup>1</sup> inasmuch as He cannot but be what He is; and there never has been, nor is, nor ever will, nor can be, another being like Him.<sup>2</sup>

1.

Mark 12, 29. 32: And Jesus answered Him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord, our God, is one Lord. (32) And the scribe said unto Him, Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but He.

John 17, 3: And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee *the only true God*, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

## 2.

Deut. 4, 35: Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that *the Lord He is God; there is none else beside Him.*

Is. 42, 8: *I am the Lord, that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

Is. 48, 11: For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? *And I will not give my glory unto another.*

Exod. 3, 14: And God said unto Moses, *I Am that I Am.* And He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, *I Am* hath sent me unto you.

Is. 44, 6: Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts; *I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.*

Is. 48, 12: Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; *I am He; I am the first, I also am the last.*

## TRINITY IN UNITY.

§ 24. In the one Godhead there are three distinct Persons,<sup>1</sup> the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, indissolubly one in the same divine essence,<sup>2</sup> and equal in power and divine glory and majesty.<sup>3</sup>

## 1.

Gen. 1, 1: In the beginning *God created* (בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים) the heaven and the earth.

Gen. 1, 26, 27: And God said, *Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.*

Gen. 3, 22: And the Lord *God* said, Behold, the man is become as one of *us.*

Gen. 11, 7: Go to, let *us* go down, and there confound their language.

Is. 54, 5: For *thy Maker* is thine husband; *the Lord of hosts* is His name; and *thy Redeemer* the Holy One of Israel; *The God* of the whole earth *shall He be called.*

Ps. 110, 1: The *Lord* said unto my *Lord*, Sit *Thou* at my right hand, until I make *Thine* enemies *Thy* footstool.

Ps. 2, 7: I will declare the decree: the *Lord* hath said unto me, *Thou* art my Son; this day have I begotten *Thee.*

Ps. 45, 6, 7: *Thy* throne, O *God*, is for ever and ever; the scepter of *Thy* kingdom is a right scepter. *Thou* lovest righteousness and hatest wickedness: therefore *God*, *Thy God*, hath anointed *Thee* with the oil of gladness above *Thy* fellows.

Is. 48, 12. 13. 16: Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; *I am He; I am the first, I also am the last.* Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. . . . (16) Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, *there am I:* and now the *Lord God*, and *His Spirit*, hath sent me.

Jer. 23, 5. 6: Behold, the days come, saith the *Lord*, that *I* will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is *His* name whereby He shall be called, *The Lord*, our Righteousness.

Numb. 6, 24—26: The *Lord* bless thee, and keep thee: the *Lord* make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the *Lord* lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace!

Is. 6, 3: And one cried unto another, and said, *Holy, holy, holy*, is the *Lord* of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

Ps. 33, 6: By the *word* of the *Lord* were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the *breath* of *His* mouth.

Matt. 3, 16. 17: And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the *Spirit* of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is *my* beloved *Son*, in whom I am well pleased.

Matt. 28, 19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the *Father*, and of the *Son*, and of the *Holy Ghost*.

John 14, 15—17: If ye love me, keep my commandments. And *I* will pray the *Father*, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the *Spirit* of truth.

## 2.

Deut. 6, 4: Hear, O Israel: The Lord, our God, is *one* Lord.

John 10, 30: I and my Father are *one* (not *et*, *one in person*, but *et*, *one in essence*).

1 Tim. 3, 16: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: *God* was manifest in the flesh.

## 3.

Gen. 1, 1—3: In the beginning *God* created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the *Spirit* of *God* moved upon the face of the waters. And *God* said, Let there be light! And there was light.

Ps. 33, 6: By the *word* of the *Lord* were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the *breath* of *His* mouth.

John 1, 1—3: In the beginning was the *Word*, and the *Word* was with *God*, and the *Word* was *God*. *The same* was in the beginning with *God*. All things were made by *Him*; and without *Him* was not anything made that was made.

Is. 6, 3: And one cried unto another, and said, *Holy, holy, holy*, is the Lord of hosts: the *whole earth is full of His glory*.

John 5, 23: That all men should *honor the Son*, even as they *honor the Father*. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him.

Phil. 2, 10, 11: That *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow*, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that *Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*.

Rom. 9, 5: Of whom as concerning the flesh *Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.*

#### THE FATHER.

§ 25. The Father, personally so named in Holy Scripture,<sup>1</sup> is from eternity God of Himself and unbegotten,<sup>2</sup> and has by equally eternal generation begotten or filiated the Son from His divine essence,<sup>3</sup> and with the Son by equally eternal spiration spirates the Holy Ghost.<sup>4</sup>

##### 1.

John 3, 35: *The Father loveth the Son*, and hath given all things into His hand.

John 5, 20: *The Father loveth the Son*, and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth.

John 15, 9: As *the Father hath loved me*, so have I loved you.

John 20, 17: Jesus saith unto her, *Touch me not*, for I am not yet ascended to *my Father*.

1 Pet. 1, 3: Blessed be the *God and Father* of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17: (The entire chapter.)

##### 2.

John 5, 26: For as the *Father hath life in Himself*, so hath He given to the *Son* to have life in Himself.

##### 3.

2 Sam. 7, 14: *I will be His Father*, and *He shall be my Son*.

Ps. 2, 7: The Lord hath said unto me, *Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten Thee*.

##### 4.

John 15, 26: When the Comforter is come, *whom I will send unto you from the Father*, even the *Spirit of Truth* which *proceedeth from the Father*, He shall testify of me.

Matt. 10, 20: It is not ye that speak, but the *Spirit of your Father* which speaketh in you.

Gal. 4, 6: *God hath sent forth the Spirit* of His Son into your hearts, crying, *Abba, Father!*

## THE SON.

§ 26. The Son is personally,<sup>1</sup> from eternity,<sup>2</sup> the only-begotten<sup>3</sup> Son of the Father,<sup>4</sup> very God,<sup>5</sup> and equal with the Father in divine essence<sup>6</sup> and thus in divine attributes<sup>7</sup> and glory,<sup>8</sup> and with the Father from eternity spirates the Holy Ghost.<sup>9</sup>

## 1

Matt. 17, 5: This is *my beloved Son*, in whom *I* am well pleased; hear ye *Him!*

John 20, 17: *I* am not yet ascended to *my Father*. . . . *I* ascend unto my Father, and your Father; unto my God, and your God.

Ps. 2, 7: The Lord hath said unto me, *Thou art my Son*; this day have *I* begotten *Thee*.

## 2.

Micah 5, 2: Out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be the Ruler in Israel; *whose goings-forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

John 8, 58: Before *Abraham* WAS, *I* AM.

John 1, 1: *In the beginning* WAS *the Word*, and the Word was *with God*, and the Word was God.

## 3.

John 3, 16: For God so loved the world that He gave His *only-begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3, 18: He hath not believed in the name of the *only-begotten Son of God*.

1 John 4, 9: God sent *His only-begotten Son* into the world.

## 4.

John 1, 14: The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1, 18: No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten *Son*, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

## 5.

Jer. 23, 6: And this is His name whereby He shall be called, *The Lord*, our Righteousness.

John 20, 28: And Thomas answered and said unto Him, *My Lord and my God!*

John 1, 1, 2: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and *the Word was God*. The same was in the beginning with God.

Ps. 110, 1: The *Lord* said unto my *Lord*, Sit Thou at my right hand.

1 Tim. 3, 16: *God was manifest in the flesh.*

1 John 5, 20: *We are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

## 6.

John 10, 30: *I and my Father are ONE.*

John 14, 9: *He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.*

Cf. texts sub 5.

## 7.

John 1, 2, 3: (Eternal existence, omnipotence.)

Matt. 18, 20: *Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Matt. 28, 20: *Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. (Omnipresence.)*

Eph. 1, 23: *Which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.*

John 1, 18: *No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.*

John 2, 25: *He knew what was in man.*

Col. 2, 3: *In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Omniscience.)*

Acts 3, 14: *Ye denied the Holy One and the Just.*

## 8.

John 5, 23: *That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him.*

Phil. 2, 11: *That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Hebr. 1, 6: *When He bringeth in the First-Begotten into the world, He says, And let all the angels of God worship Him!*

John 17, 5: *And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. (Cf. John 1, 1.)*

## 9.

Cf. § 25, 4.

## THE HOLY GHOST.

§ 27. The Holy Ghost is from eternity personally<sup>1</sup> spirated by, and proceeds from, the Father and the Son,<sup>2</sup> very God, equal with the Father and the Son in divine essence,<sup>3</sup> and attributes,<sup>4</sup> and glory.<sup>5</sup>

## 1.

2 Sam. 23, 2: *The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue.*

Job 33, 4: *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*

Matt. 3, 16: (The baptism of Jesus.) Cf. Luke 3, 22.

John 14, 26: But the Comforter, which is the *Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, He *shall teach* you all things.

## 2.

John 15, 26: The Spirit of Truth, which *proceedeth from the Father*, He shall testify of me.

Gal 4, 6: God hath *sent forth* the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba; Father!

Rom. 8, 9: If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

1 Pet. 1, 11: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify.

## 3.

Acts 5, 3. 4: Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the *Holy Ghost*? . . . Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

1 Cor. 3, 16: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2 Cor. 3, 17: Now the Lord is *that Spirit*; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Matt. 28, 19: Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

## 4.

Psa. 139, 7. 8: Whither shall I go from *Thy Spirit*? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. (Omnipresence.)

1 Cor. 2, 10. 11: God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God. (Omniscience.)

## 5.

1 Pet. 4, 14: The Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you.

Is. 6, 3: Holy, holy, *holy*, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.

## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

§ 28. The attributes of God are Indivisibility, Immutability, Infinity,<sup>1</sup> Life, Intelligence, Wisdom, Will, Holiness, Justice, Truth, Goodness, and Power.<sup>2</sup>

## 1.

Negative, intransitive, quiescent attributes.

## 2.

Positive, transitive, operative attributes.



## INDIVISIBILITY.

§ 29. God is indivisible, inasmuch as He is not a compound being made up of component parts, not of a substance and qualities inherent in such substance, but absolutely simple in His divine essence.

Exod. 3, 14: And God said unto Moses, *I Am that I Am*. And He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, *I Am* hath sent me unto you.

1 John 4, 16: God is Love.

Deut. 6, 4: The Lord, our God, is one Lord.

Ps. 139, 8: If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

## IMMUTABILITY.

§ 30. God is immutable, inasmuch as in His essence and attributes<sup>1</sup> there never has been, nor ever will be, nor ever can be, any increase or decrease,<sup>2</sup> any development or evolution,<sup>3</sup> any improvement or deterioration,<sup>4</sup> or any change of whatever kind.<sup>5</sup>

## 1.

James 1, 17: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no *variableness*, neither shadow of turning.

Mal. 3, 6: For *I am* the Lord, *I change not*.

## 2.

Ps. 121, 4: Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall *neither slumber nor sleep*.

Is. 40, 28: Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard that the *everlasting* God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, *fainteth not, neither is weary?* There is no searching of His understanding.

## 3.

Exod. 3, 14: And God said unto Moses, *I Am That I Am*.

## 4.

Ps. 102, 26. 27: They shall perish, but *Thou shalt endure*: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed. But *Thou art the same*, and Thy years shall have no end.

Rom. 1, 23: And changed the glory of the *incorruptible God* into an image made like to corruptible man.

1 Tim. 1, 17: Now unto the *King eternal, immortal, invisible*, the only wise God, be honor and glory *forever and ever!* Amen.

1 Tim. 6, 16: Who *only hath immortality*, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be *honor and power everlasting!* Amen.

## 5.

Ps. 33, 11: The counsel of the Lord *standeth forever*, the thoughts of His heart *to all generations*.

1 Sam. 15, 29: And also the Strength of Israel will *not lie nor repent*; for He is *not a man, that He should repent*.

Ps. 110, 4: The Lord hath sworn, and *will not repent*, Thou art a *priest forever* after the order of Melchizedek.

Ps. 90, 4: For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is passed, and as a watch in the night.

2 Pet. 3, 8: But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

## INFINITY.

§ 31. God is infinite, inasmuch as He is not limited by space<sup>1</sup> or time,<sup>2</sup> there being in Him no distinction of here and there,<sup>3</sup> sooner or later,<sup>4</sup> His essence being immeasurable,<sup>5</sup> or, in relation to the universe, omnipresent,<sup>6</sup> and in duration eternal.<sup>7</sup>

## 1.

1 Kings 8, 27: But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, *the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee*, how much less this house that I have builded?

Jer. 23, 24: Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I *fill heaven and earth?* saith the Lord.

Eph. 1, 23: Which is His body, the fullness of Him *that filleth all in all*.

Ps. 103, 19: The Lord hath prepared His *throne in the heavens*; and His kingdom ruleth *over all*.

2 Chron. 2, 6: But who is able to build Him an house, seeing the *heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him?* Who am I, then, that I should build Him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before Him?

## 2.

Ps. 90, 2: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even *from everlasting to everlasting*, Thou art God.

Ps. 102, 25—27: Of old hast Thou *laid the foundation* of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall erish, but *Thou shalt endure*: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be hanged. But Thou *art the same*, and *Thy years shall have no end*.

## 3.

Is. 57, 15: For thus saith the High and Lofty One that *inhabiteth eternity*, whose name is Holy: I dwell *in the high and holy place*, with him also that is of a *contrite and humble spirit*.

Ps. 139, 7—12: Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit or whither shall I flee from *Thy presence*? If I ascend up into *heaven*, Thou art there: if I make my bed in *hell*, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the *uttermost parts of the sea*, even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

Job 11, 7: Canst thou *by searching find out God*? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

Amos 9, 2: Though they dig into *hell*, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to *heaven*, thence will I bring them down.

## 4.

Is. 41, 4: Who hath wrought and done it, calling *the generations from the beginning*? I the Lord, the *first* and with the *last*; I am He.

Is. 44, 6: Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts; I am the *first*, and I am the *last*; and beside me there is no God.

Is. 43, 10: I am He: *before* me there was no God formed, *neither* shall there be *after* me.

2 Pet. 3, 8: One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Rev. 1, 8: I am *Alpha* and *Omega*, the *beginning* and the *ending*, saith the Lord, which *is*, and which *was*, and which *is to come*, the Almighty.

Ps. 2, 7: I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me Thou art my Son; *this day* have I begotten Thee.

## 5.

Job 11, 8, 9: It is as *high as heaven*; what canst thou do? *deeper than hell*; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is *longer than the earth*, and *broader than the sea*.

1 Tim. 6, 16: Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light *which no man can approach unto*; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting!

## 6.

Ps. 115, 3: But our God is *in the heavens*: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.

Luke 11, 2: And He said unto them, When ye pray, say, *Our Father* which art *in heaven*.

Exod. 8, 22: I am the Lord *in the midst of the earth*.

Exod. 14, 24: The Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud.

Exod. 19, 18: And Mount Sinai was altogether on smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire.

Acts 17, 27: That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us.

Rom. 8, 9, 11: But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. (11) But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

1 Cor. 3, 16: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2 Cor. 6, 16: And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Is. 57, 15: For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

John 14, 23: Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Is. 40, 12: Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

Ps. 36, 6, 7: Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep; O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

Ps. 33, 8: Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

Ps. 103, 19—22: The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, ye His angels that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearken- ing unto the voice of His word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul!

See also the texts sub 1 and 3.

7.

Is. 40, 28: Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth,

fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding.

1 Tim. 1, 17: Now unto the *King eternal*, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be *honor and glory forever and ever!* Amen.

Hebr. 13, 8: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever.

Gen: 21, 33: And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the *everlasting God*.

Ps. 102, 26, 27: They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure. . . . Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.

See also the texts sub 2 and 4.

## LIFE.

§ 32. God is life,<sup>1</sup> inasmuch as He has His being of Himself,<sup>2</sup> and of Himself knows, wills, and does whatever He knows, wills, and does.<sup>3</sup>

## 1.

Josh. 3, 10: And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the *living God* is among you.

Jer. 10, 10: But the Lord is the true God; He is *the living God* and an everlasting king.

Ps. 84, 2: My heart and my flesh crieth out for *the living God*.

Acts 14, 15: We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto *the living God*, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein.

1 Tim. 6, 16: Who only hath *immortality*.

Rom. 1, 23: And changed the glory of the *incorruptible* God into an image made like to corruptible man.

1 Tim. 1, 17: Now unto the *King eternal*, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

Deut. 32, 40: For I lift up my hands to heaven, and say, *I live forever*.

Ezek. 33, 11: Say unto them, *As I live*, saith the Lord God.

John 1, 4: In Him was *life*; and *the Life* was the light of men.

John 11, 25: Jesus said unto her, *I am* the Resurrection, and *the Life*: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

1 John 1, 2: For *the Life was manifested*, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you *that eternal Life*, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us.

## 2.

John 5, 26: For as the Father hath *life in Himself*, so hath He given to the Son to have *life in Himself*.

## 3.

John 5, 17: But Jesus answered them, My Father *worketh hitherto, and I work.*

John 5, 19—21: Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for *what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.* For the Father loveth the Son, and *showeth Him all things that Himself doeth:* and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as *the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them, even so the Son quickeneth whom He will.*

Acts 17, 28: For in Him we live, and move, and have our being.

## INTELLIGENCE.

§ 33. Intelligence<sup>1</sup> is an attribute of God, inasmuch as He beholds or perfectly knows Himself<sup>2</sup> and all that beside Him is, has been, will be, can be, or might be.<sup>3</sup>

## 1.

1 Sam. 2, 3: The Lord is a *God of knowledge,* and by His actions are weighed.

## 2.

John 1, 18: No man hath *seen God* at any time; the *only-begotten Son,* which is in the bosom of the Father, *He hath declared Him.*

1 Cor. 2, 10, 11: But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the *Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.* For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so *the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God.*

## 3.

1 John 3, 20: For if our heart condemn us, *God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

1 Kings 8, 39: Then hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, *whose heart Thou knowest;* for Thou, even *Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.*

Ps. 34, 15: The *eyes of the Lord* are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

Ps. 139, 1—4: O Lord, *Thou hast searched me, and known me.* Thou *knowest* my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou *understandest my thought afar off.* Thou *compassest* my path and my lying down, and *art acquainted with all my ways.* For there is *not a word* in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, *Thou knowest it altogether.*

Prov. 15, 3: The *eyes of the Lord* are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Hebr. 4, 13: *All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*

Ps. 147, 5: Great is our Lord and of great power; His *understanding is infinite.*

Matt. 10, 30: The very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Matt. 11, 21: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

### WISDOM.

§ 34. Wisdom is that attribute of God by which He devises, disposes, and directs the proper means to proper ends,<sup>1</sup> an attribute exhibited chiefly in the plan of creation<sup>2</sup> and in the plan of salvation.<sup>3</sup>

#### 1.

Job 12, 13: With Him is *wisdom* and strength; He hath *counsel* and understanding.

1 Tim. 1, 17: Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the *only wise God*, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

Is. 40, 13: *Who hath DIRECTED the Spirit of the Lord, or, being His counselor, hath taught Him? With whom took He counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge, and showed to Him the way of understanding?*

Is. 46, 9, 10: I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, *My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*

Is. 55, 8, 9: My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways *my ways*, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are *my ways higher* than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

#### 2.

Ps. 104, 24: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth is full of Thy riches.

Job 28, 20—27: Whence, then, cometh *wisdom*? and where is the place of understanding? . . . (23) God understandeth the way thereof, and He knoweth the *place* thereof. For He looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; to make the *weight* for the winds; and He weigheth the waters by *measure*. When He made a *decree* for the rain, and a *way* for the lightning of the thunder, then did He see it, and declare it; He *prepared* it, yea, and *searched it out*.

#### 3.

Eph. 1, 7, 8: In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace, wherein He hath abounded toward us in *all wisdom* and prudence.

Eph. 3, 10, 11: That now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known *by the Church* the manifold wisdom of God, according to the *eternal purpose* which He purposed in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Rom. 11, 33—36: O the *depth* of the riches, both of the *wisdom* and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and *His ways* past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord, or *who hath been His counselor?* . . . (36) For of Him, and through Him, and *to Him*, are all things: *to whom be glory forever!* Amen.

## WILL.

§ 35. Will<sup>1</sup> is an attribute of God, inasmuch as He consciously prompts His own acts,<sup>2</sup> and is intent upon the execution of His purposes, the accomplishment of His designs, the realization of His counsels, and the fulfillment of His ordinances.<sup>3</sup>—Hidden will<sup>4</sup> and revealed will;<sup>5</sup> antecedent will<sup>6</sup> and consequent will.<sup>7</sup>

## 1.

Rom. 9, 19: Thou wilt say, then, unto me, Why doth He yet find fault? For who hath resisted His *will?*

## 2.

Ps. 135, 6: Whatsoever the Lord *pleased, that did He* in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

Rom. 11, 34: For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His *counselor?*

Job 36, 23: *Who hath enjoined Him His way?*

James 1, 18: *Of His own will* begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

## 3.

Ps. 33, 9, 10: For He spake, and it was done; He *commanded, and it stood fast.* The Lord *bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught:* He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

Is. 46, 11: I have *purposed it, I will also do it.*

Is. 65, 2: I have *spread out my hands all the day* unto a *rebellious people,* which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts.

Matt. 23, 37: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, *how often would I* have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Rom. 10, 16—21: But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes, verily, their sound went into all the



earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel He saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

## 4.

Deut. 29, 29: The secret things belong unto the Lord, our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this Law.

Rom. 11, 33, 34: O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord?

## 5.

John 1, 18: No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

1 Tim. 3, 16: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Psa. 147, 19, 20: He showeth His word unto Jacob, His statutes and His judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord!

1 Cor. 2, 9, 10: But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Eph. 3, 4—11: Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

## 6.

Ezek. 33, 11: Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

1 Tim. 2, 4: Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Prov. 1, 24: Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded.

## 7.

Matt. 23, 37, 38: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! *Behold, your house is left unto you desolate!*

Prov. 1, 25—31: But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity: I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: they would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Jer. 5, 29: Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

## HOLINESS.

§ 36. Holiness is the absolute purity of God, according to which His affections, thoughts, will, and acts are in perfect consistency and harmony with His own nature, and in energetic opposition to everything that is not in conformity therewith.

Lev. 19, 2: Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord, your God, am holy.*

Job 15, 14, 15: What is man that he should be *clean*? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? Behold, He putteth no trust in His *saints*; yea, *the heavens are not clean in His sight.*

(Eph. 5, 27: That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, *not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such things*, but that it should be *holy* and *without blemish.*

2 Cor. 7, 1: Let us *cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*)

Is. 6, 3: And one cried unto another, and said, *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.*

Exod. 15, 11: Who is *like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?*

1 Pet. 1, 15, 16: But as He which hath called you is *holy*, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation, because it is written, *Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

Ps. 89, 35: Once have I sworn *by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.*

Rev. 4, 8: And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*

Rev. 15, 4: Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and *glorify Thy name? For Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest.*

Ps. 145, 17: The Lord is *righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.*

Is. 41, 20: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the *Holy One of Israel hath created it.*

Josh. 24, 19, 20: Ye cannot serve the Lord: for He is *an holy God; He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you.*

Amos 4, 2: The Lord God hath sworn *by His holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you that He will take you away with hooks.*

Rom. 1, 18: The *wrath of God* is revealed from heaven *against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.*

#### JUSTICE.

§ 37. God is just, inasmuch as He is His own perfect ethical norm,<sup>1</sup> a legislator whose laws are true utterances of His holy will,<sup>2</sup> a judge whose judgments are in perfect conformity with His laws,<sup>3</sup> an executor whose retribution is in full consistency with His judgments,<sup>4</sup> and a father who executes His gracious and good will upon His children according to His promise.<sup>5</sup>

##### 1.

Deut. 32, 4: He is the Rock, *His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.*

Ps. 145, 17: The Lord is *righteous* in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

Ps. 89, 14: *Justice and judgment* are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

Ps. 92, 15: To show that the *Lord is upright*: He is my rock, and there is *no unrighteousness in Him*.

Rom. 3, 5: *Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?* (I speak as a man.)

Is. 5, 16: The Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

## 2.

Ps. 111, 7: All His commandments are sure.

Ps. 119, 86: All Thy commandments are faithful.

Ps. 119, 151: All Thy commandments are truth.

Ps. 119, 172: All Thy commandments are righteousness.

Ps. 19, 7: The Law of the Lord is perfect.

Ps. 19, 8: The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

## 3.

Ps. 19, 9: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the *judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether*.

Rom. 2, 5, 6: But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the *righteous judgment of God*; who will render to every man according to his deeds.

1 Pet. 1, 17: And if ye call on the Father, who *without respect of persons judgeth* according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Rom. 2, 11: There is no respect of persons with God.

Gal. 3, 10: For as many as are of the works of the Law are under the curse; for it is written, *Cursed* is every one that continueth not in *all things which are written in the book of the Law* to do them.

Gen. 18, 20, 21: And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, *I will know*.

## 4.

Rom. 2, 8, 9: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness: indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon *every soul of man that doeth evil*, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile.

Is. 3, 11: Woe unto the *wicked!* It shall be *ill* with him: for the *reward of his hands* shall be given him.

Gen. 2, 17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof *thou shalt surely die*.

Rom. 5, 12: Wherefore, as *by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin.*

2 Thess. 1, 6—8: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. 16, 5, 6: And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because Thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Rom. 12, 19: Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Ezek. 18, 4: The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Rom. 6, 23: The wages of sin is death.

Ps. 11, 6: Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

Luke 12, 5: Fear Him, which, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him!

Hebr. 2, 2: Every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward.

Is. 53, 5, 8: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. (8) He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was He stricken.

### 5.

Micah 7, 20: Thou wilt *perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which Thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the day of old.* Cf. Is. 54, 10.

2 Chron. 6, 15: Thou which hast *kept with Thy servant David, my father, that which Thou hast promised him, and spakest with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hand, as it is this day.*

Matt. 25, 21: His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!

Matt. 25, 34: Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, *ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!*

1 Cor. 4, 7: For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

1 Chron. 29, 14: But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

John 17, 25: O *righteous Father*, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent me.

1 John 1, 9: If we confess our sins, He is *faithful and just to forgive us our sins*, and to *cleanse us* from all unrighteousness.

2 Tim. 4, 8: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, *the righteous Judge*, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that *love His appearing*.

## TRUTH.

§ 38. God is truth, inasmuch as He really is as He manifests Himself,<sup>1</sup> wills what He professes to will,<sup>2</sup> and does what He has promised to do,<sup>3</sup> His works being in full agreement with His words.<sup>4</sup>

## 1.

Jer. 10, 10, 11: But the Lord is *the true God*; He is the living God, and an everlasting King. At His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, *The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth*, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

John 5, 18—21: Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but *said* also that God was His Father, *making Himself equal with God*. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, *Verily, verily*, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do; for what things soever He doeth, *these also doeth the Son likewise*. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For *as the Father* raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them, *even so the Son* quickeneth whom He will.

Rom. 3, 3, 4: For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid! Yea, *let God be true*, but every man a liar; as it is written, That Thou mightest be *justified in Thy sayings*, and mightest overcome when Thou art judged.

2 Tim. 2, 13: If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: *He cannot deny Himself*.

## 2.

2 Sam. 7, 28: And now, O Lord God, Thou art that God, and *Thy words be true*, and Thou hast promised this goodness unto Thy servant.

Ps. 25, 10: All the paths of the Lord are *mercy and truth* unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Numb. 23, 19: God is *not* a man, that He should *lie*, neither the son of man, that He should *repent*. Hath He *said*, and shall He not *do it*? or hath He *spoken*, and shall He not *make it good*?

1 Sam. 15, 29: And also the Strength of Israel will *not lie nor repent*; for He is not a man, that He should *repent*.

Hebr. 6, 17. 18: Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the *immutability* of His *counsel*, confirmed it *by an oath*: that by two immutable things, in which it was *impossible for God to lie*, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

## 3.

Tit. 1, 2: In hope of eternal life, which God, that *cannot lie*, *promised* before the world began.

Ps. 146, 6: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which *keepeth truth forever*.

## 4.

Numb. 23, 19: Hath He *said*, and shall He not *do it*? or hath He *spoken*, and shall He not *make it good*?

Ps. 33, 4: For the *Word* of the Lord is right; and all His *works* are done in *truth*.

## GOODNESS.

§ 39. The goodness of God is His Love, Benevolence, Grace, and Mercy.

## LOVE.

§ 40. God is Love, inasmuch as He longs for and delights in union and communion with the objects of His holy desire.

1 John 4, 16: And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is Love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

John 3, 16: For God so *loved* the world that He *gave* His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but *have everlasting life*.

Jer. 31, 3: The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness *have I drawn thee*.

Deut. 33, 3: Yea, He *loved* the people; all *His saints are in Thy hand*: and they sat down *at Thy feet*: every one *shall receive* of Thy words.

Is. 1, 2—5: Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass

his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger; they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Is. 7, 14: Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name *Immanuel*.

Matt. 1, 23: Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, *God with us*.

Is. 43, 1: I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; *thou art mine*.

Is. 49, 15, 16: Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I *not forget thee*. Behold, I have graven thee *upon the palms of my hands*; thy walls are *continually before me*.

Jer. 31, 20: Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For since I spake against him, I do *earnestly remember him still*: therefore my bowels are *troubled for him*: I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord.

Jer. 31, 33: I will be *their God*, and they shall be *my people*.

Hos. 2, 19, 20: And I will *betroth thee unto me forever*; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in *faithfulness*: and *thou shalt know the Lord*.

#### BENEVOLENCE.

§ 41. God is benevolent, inasmuch as He is desirous of blessing the objects of His love.

Tit. 3, 4—7: But after that the *kindness* and love of God, our Savior, toward man appeared. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy *He saved us*, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, *we should be made heirs* according to the hope of *eternal life*.

1 John 4, 9: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world, *that we might live through Him*.

Ps. 37, 4: Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall *give thee the desires of thine heart*.

Ps. 104, 27, 28: These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest *give them their meat* in due season. That Thou givest them they gather: Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good.



## GRACE.

§ 42. God is gracious, inasmuch as He offers and confers His blessings regardless of the merits or demerits of the objects of His benevolence.

Ps. 103, 10: He hath *not* dealt with us *after our sins*, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Rom. 3, 23, 24: For *all have sinned*, and come short of the glory of God, being justified *freely by His grace*, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Rom. 4, 5: But to him that *worketh not*, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom. 6, 23: For the *wages* of sin is *death*; but the *gift* of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Rom. 5, 8: But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 11, 6: And if by *grace*, then is it *no more of works*: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Gal. 3, 18: For if the inheritance be of the *Law*, it is no more of *promise*: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Eph. 2, 8, 9: For by *grace* are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the *gift of God*: *not of works*, lest any man should boast.

## MERCY.

§ 43. God is merciful, inasmuch as He has compassion with the afflicted and bestows His benefits upon the miserable.

Ps. 18, 27: Thou wilt save the afflicted people.

Job 34, 28: He heareth the cry of the afflicted.

Job 36, 15: He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

Ps. 68, 5: A Father of the fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in His holy habitation.

Is. 49, 13: The Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted.

Ezek. 16, 6: And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live! Yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live!

Luke 1, 54: He hath *holpen* His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.

Luke 6, 36: Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Eph. 2, 4: But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us.

James 5, 11: Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye

have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very *pitiful* and of tender *mercy*.

Exod. 34, 6: The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

#### POWER.

§ 44. Power is a divine attribute, inasmuch as God can do and does whatever He purposes to do.—Omnipotence.

Mark 10, 27: And Jesus, looking upon them, saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Mark 14, 36: And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee.

Luke 1, 37: For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Rom. 4, 21: And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was *able* also to *perform*.

Eph. 3, 20: Now unto Him that is *able to do* exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the *power* that worketh in us.

Ps. 33, 9: For He spake, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast.

Ps. 115, 3: But our God is in the heavens: He hath *done* whatsoever He hath *pleased*.

Ps. 135, 6: Whatsoever the Lord *pleased*, that *did* He in *heaven*, and in *earth*, in the seas, and all deep places.

Is. 40, 10: Behold, the Lord God will come with *strong hand*, and His *arm* shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.

Is. 14, 27: The Lord of hosts hath *purposed*, and who shall *disannul* it? and His *hand* is stretched out, and who shall *turn it back*?

Is. 46, 10, 11: Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall *stand*, and I will *do* all my pleasure: calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have *purposed* it, I will also *do* it.

Eph. 1, 19: And what is the *exceeding greatness of His power* to us-ward who believe, according to the *working* of His *mighty power*.

#### ACTS OF GOD.

§ 45. The Acts of God are of two kinds, internal and external—*opera ad intra*, *opera ad extra*.

#### INTERNAL ACTS.

§ 46. The internal acts of God are again of two kinds, personal and essential.

## PERSONAL INTERNAL ACTS.

§ 47. The personal internal acts of God are those acts which terminate within the Godhead and pertain to the divine Person or Persons by whom they are performed as peculiar to such Person or Persons. Acts of this class are the eternal generation of the Son<sup>1</sup> and the eternal spiration of the Holy Ghost.<sup>2</sup>

1.

Cf. §§ 25. 26.

2.

Cf. §§ 26. 27.

## ESSENTIAL INTERNAL ACTS.

§ 48. The essential internal acts of God are such exertions of essential attributes of God as terminate within the Godhead, but in which the three persons of the Trinity concur. Such acts are the eternal decrees of God, the decrees of creation,<sup>1</sup> of redemption,<sup>2</sup> and of predestination.<sup>3</sup>

1.

Cf. § 49.

2.

Cf. § 50.

3.

Cf. § 51.

## DECREE OF CREATION.

§ 49. The decree of creation is an essential internal act of God,<sup>1</sup> by which He purposed to create in the beginning of time heaven and earth and all creatures,<sup>2</sup> for the manifestation of His wisdom, goodness, and power.<sup>3</sup>

1.

Acts 15, 18: Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.

Job 28, 26. 27: When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder; then did He see it, and declare it He prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

Acts 17, 26: And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath *determined* the times *before appointed*, and the bounds of their habitation.

## 2.

Gen. 1, 26: And God *said*, *Let us make man in our image after our likeness*. Cf. Gen. 1 and 2.

## 3.

Ps. 104, 24: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In *wisdom* hast Thou made them all. The earth is full of Thy riches.

Ps. 136, 5—9: To Him that *by wisdom* made the heavens: for His *mercy* endureth forever. To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for His *mercy* endureth forever. To Him that made great lights: for His *mercy* endureth forever: the sun to rule by day: for His *mercy* endureth forever: the moon and stars to rule by night: for His *mercy* endureth forever.

## DECREE OF REDEMPTION.

§ 50. The decree of redemption is an eternal act of God,<sup>1</sup> whereby He graciously and with divine wisdom purposed to work, in the fullness of time, through the Son made manifest in the flesh, a redemption of mankind,<sup>2</sup> and to prepare a way of salvation for the whole human race,<sup>3</sup> whose fall He had foreseen, but not decreed.<sup>4</sup>

## 1.

1 Pet. 1, 20: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

Eph. 1, 7—10: In whom we have *redemption* through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His *grace*; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all *wisdom and prudence*; having made known unto us the mystery of His *will*, according to His *good pleasure* which He hath *purposed in Himself*: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ.

Acts 2, 23: Him, being delivered *by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge* of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.

Acts 4, 28: For to do whatsoever Thy hand and *Thy counsel determined before* to be done.

## 2.

Luke 2, 30—32: For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Gal. 4, 4, 5: But when the *fullness of the time* was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law.

## 3.

John 3, 16: For God so *loved the world* that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

## 4.

Hos. 13, 9: O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

## DECREE OF PREDESTINATION.

§ 51. The decree of predestination is an eternal act of God,<sup>1</sup> who for His goodness' sake,<sup>2</sup> and because of the merit of the foreordained Redeemer of all mankind,<sup>3</sup> purposed to lead into everlasting life,<sup>4</sup> by the way and means of salvation designated for all mankind,<sup>5</sup> a certain number<sup>6</sup> of certain persons,<sup>7</sup> and to procure, work, and promote what would pertain to their final salvation.<sup>8</sup>

## 1.

Eph. 1, 4: According as He hath chosen us in Him *before the foundation of the world*, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Eph. 3, 11: According to the *eternal* purpose.

2 Thess. 2, 13: Because God hath *from the beginning* chosen you to salvation.

2 Tim. 1, 9: Who hath saved us, and called us . . . according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus *before the world began*.

## 2.

2 Tim. 1, 9: Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but *according to His own purpose and grace*, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Rom. 9, 11: For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, *not of works*, but of *Him that calleth*.

Rom. 11, 5: Even so, then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to the *election of grace*.

## 3.

2 Tim. 1, 9: Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us *in Christ Jesus* before the world began.

Eph. 1, 4: According as He hath chosen us *in Him* before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him.

Eph. 3, 11: According to the eternal purpose which He purposed *in Christ Jesus, our Lord*.

## 4.

Acts 13, 48: And as many as were ordained to *eternal life* believed.

2 Tim. 1, 9: Who hath *saved us*, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

2 Tim. 2, 10: Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain *the salvation* which is in Christ Jesus *with eternal glory*.

Rom. 8, 28, 29: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose; for whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate *to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren*.

## 5.

Eph. 1, 4, 5: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be *holy and without blame* before Him in love: having predestinated us unto the *adoption of children by Jesus Christ* to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

Rom. 8, 29, 30: For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son. . . . Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also *called*; and whom He called, them He also *justified*: and whom He justified, them He also *glorified*.

1 Pet. 1, 2: Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, *through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ*.

## 6.

Acts 13, 48: And *as many* as were ordained to eternal life believed.

Matt. 20, 16: *Many* be called, but *few* chosen.

Matt. 22, 14: Many are called, but few are chosen.

## 7.

2 Tim. 2, 19: Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord *knoweth them that are His*.

1 Pet. 1, 2: *Elect* according to the foreknowledge of God.

John 13, 18: I know whom I have chosen.

## 8.

Rom. 8, 30: Moreover, whom He did *predestinate*, them He also *called*: and whom He called, them He also *justified*: and whom He justified, them He also *glorified*.

Eph. 1, 11: In whom also we have obtained an *inheritance*, being predestinated according to *the purpose of Him who worketh all things* after the *counsel of His own will*.

Eph. 3, 10, 11: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be *known by the Church* the manifold wisdom of God, according to *the eternal purpose* which He purposed in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Mark 13, 20, 22: And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be *saved*: but for *the elect's sake*, whom He hath chosen, *He hath shortened the days*. (22) For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were possible*, even the elect.

## EXTERNAL ACTS.

§ 52. The external acts of God are either immediate or mediate.

## IMMEDIATE EXTERNAL ACTS.

§ 53. The immediate external acts of God are concurrent acts of the three Persons in the Trinity terminating in objects not within the Godhead, and performed without the employment of intermediate or instrumental causes. Acts of this kind are the creation of heaven and earth out of nothing, the immediate revelation of divine truth to the prophets, the suggestion of concepts and words to the inspired penmen, etc.

Ps. 33, 6: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

## MEDIATE EXTERNAL ACTS.

§ 54. The mediate external acts of God are concurrent acts of the three Persons in the Trinity terminating in *extra-divine* objects and performed with the employment of *intermediate* or *instrumental* causes. Of this class are the production of plants, animals, and human beings in the course of nature, the work of regeneration or conversion through the means of grace, etc.

See the respective paragraphs.