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- History of corporate worship

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History

- *Elizabethan Settlement (1559)*

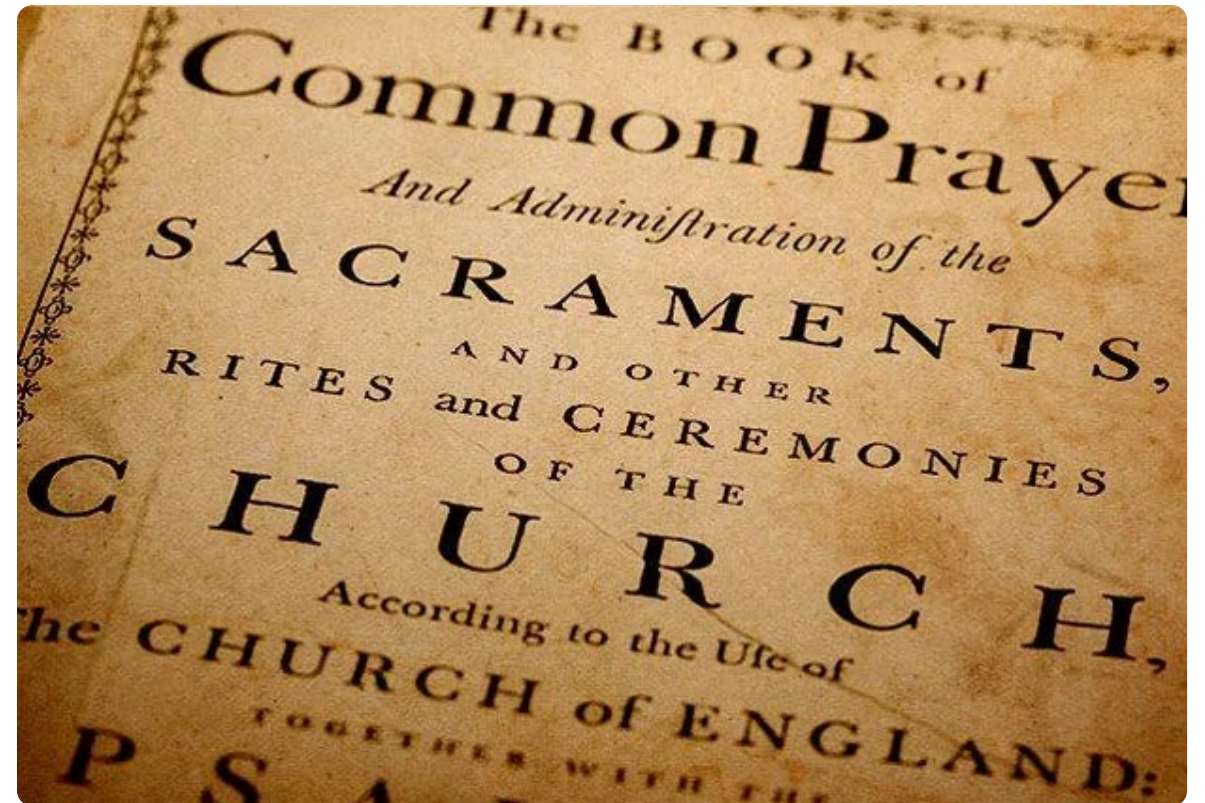


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History

- *Book of Common Prayer (1559)*

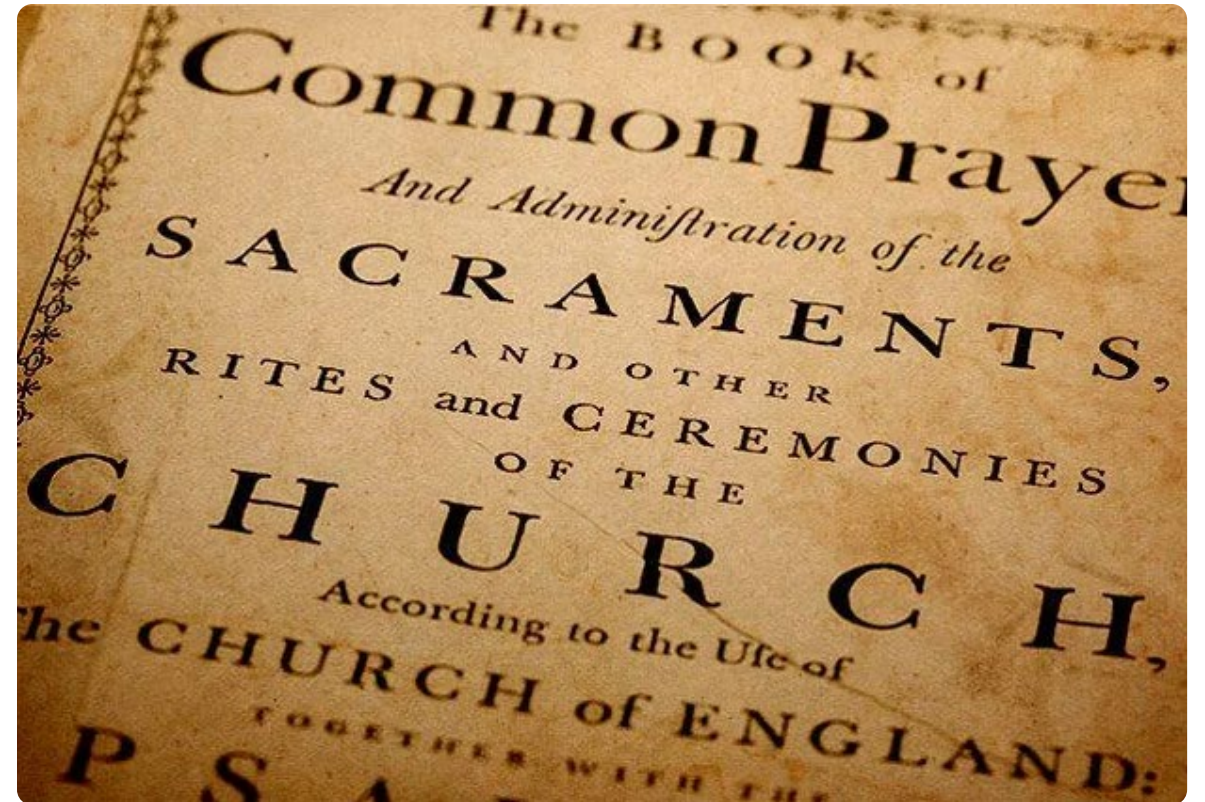


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History

- *Book of Common Prayer (1559)*
- *Puritan pressure for reform*



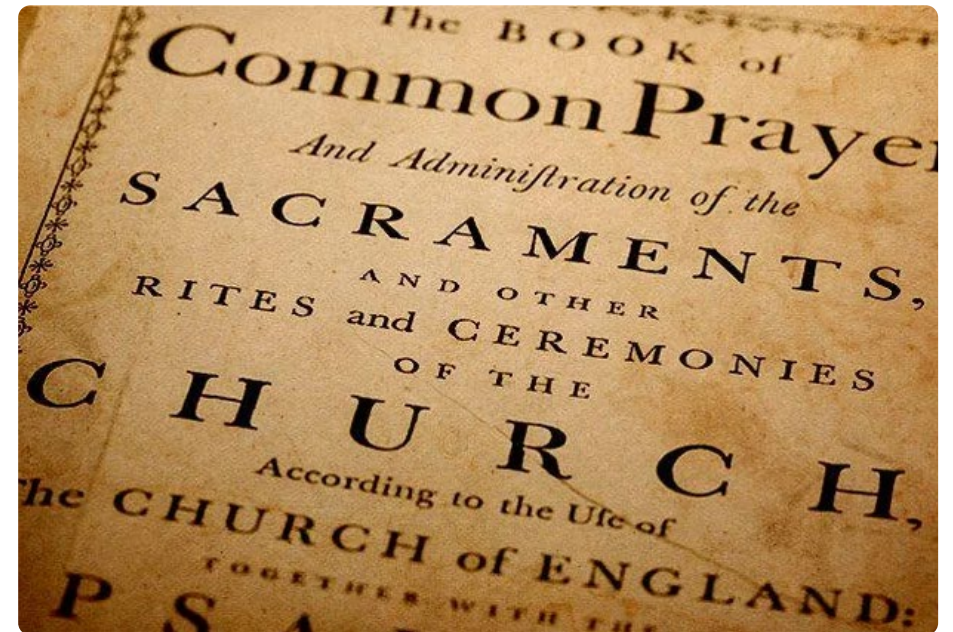
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History

- *Admonition to Parliament (1572)*

“May it therefore please your wisdoms to understand, that we in England are so far off, from having a church rightly reformed, according to the prescript of God’s word, that as yet we are not come to the outward face of the same.”



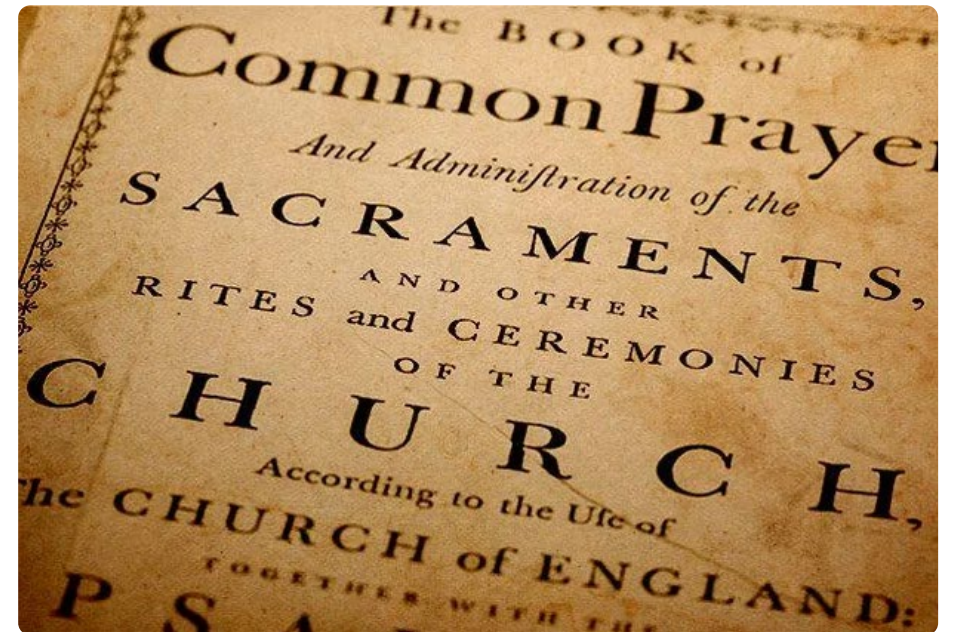
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- *Admonition to Parliament (1572)*

“This book is an imperfect book, culled and picked out of that Popish dunghill, the Mass book full of all abominations. For some and many of the contents therein be such as are against the word of God.”

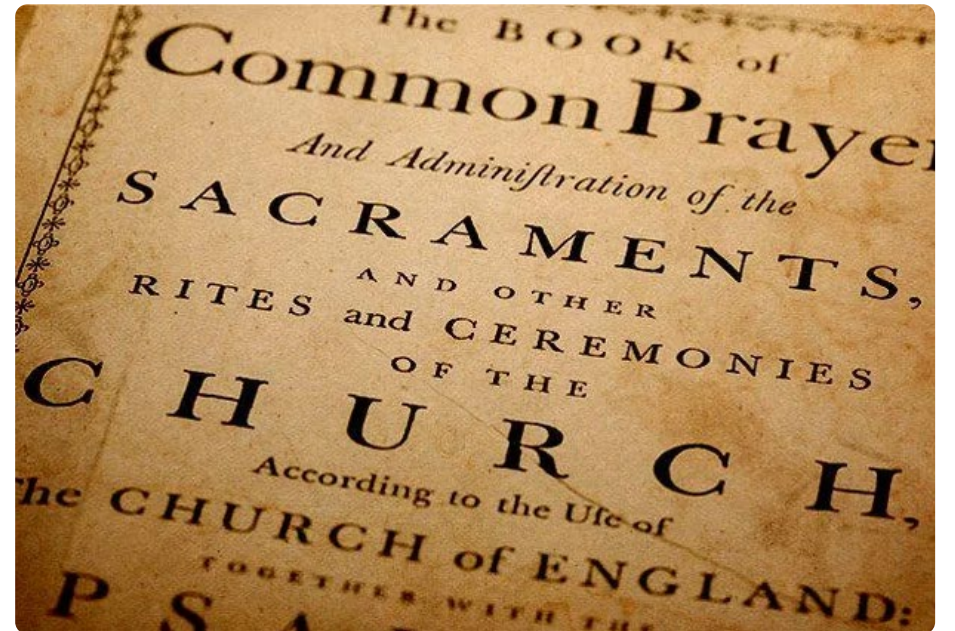


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History

- *Key areas:*
 - Wording of liturgy
 - Use of ring in marriage
 - Sign of the cross
 - Vestments
 - Kneeling for communion



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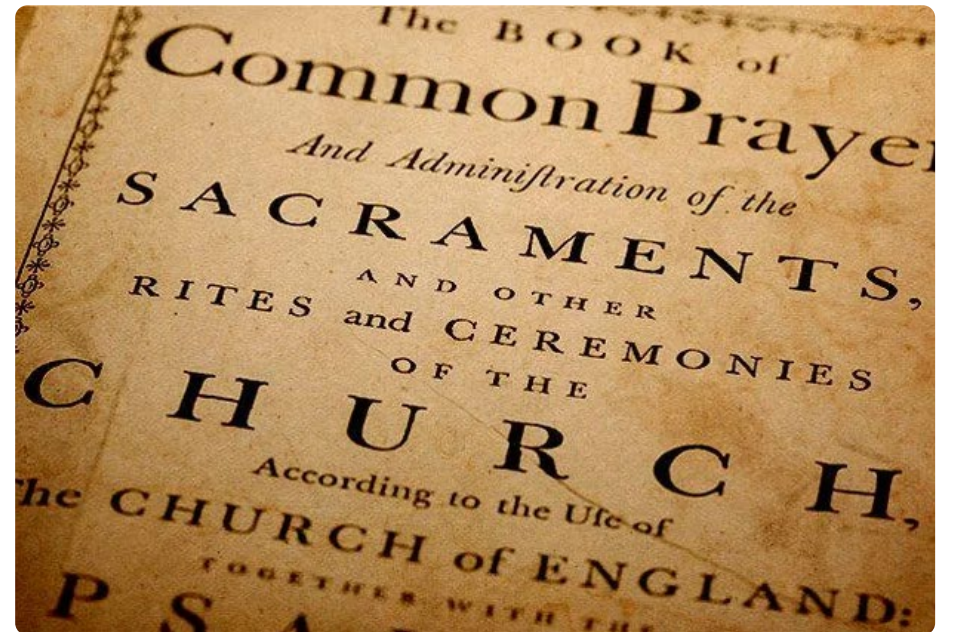
- *Words of institution:*
 - 1549 (Edward): ‘The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul into everlasting life’.
 - 1552 (Edward): ‘Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving’.
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- “*Black Rubric*”
 - Kneeling for communion

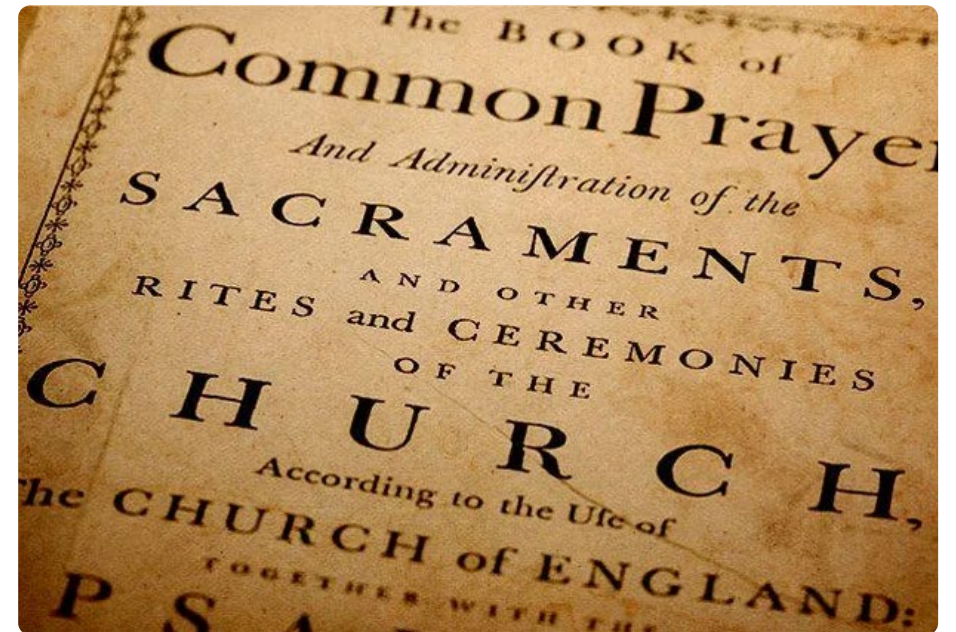


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- *Key issue:*
 - Normative principle
 - Regulative principle

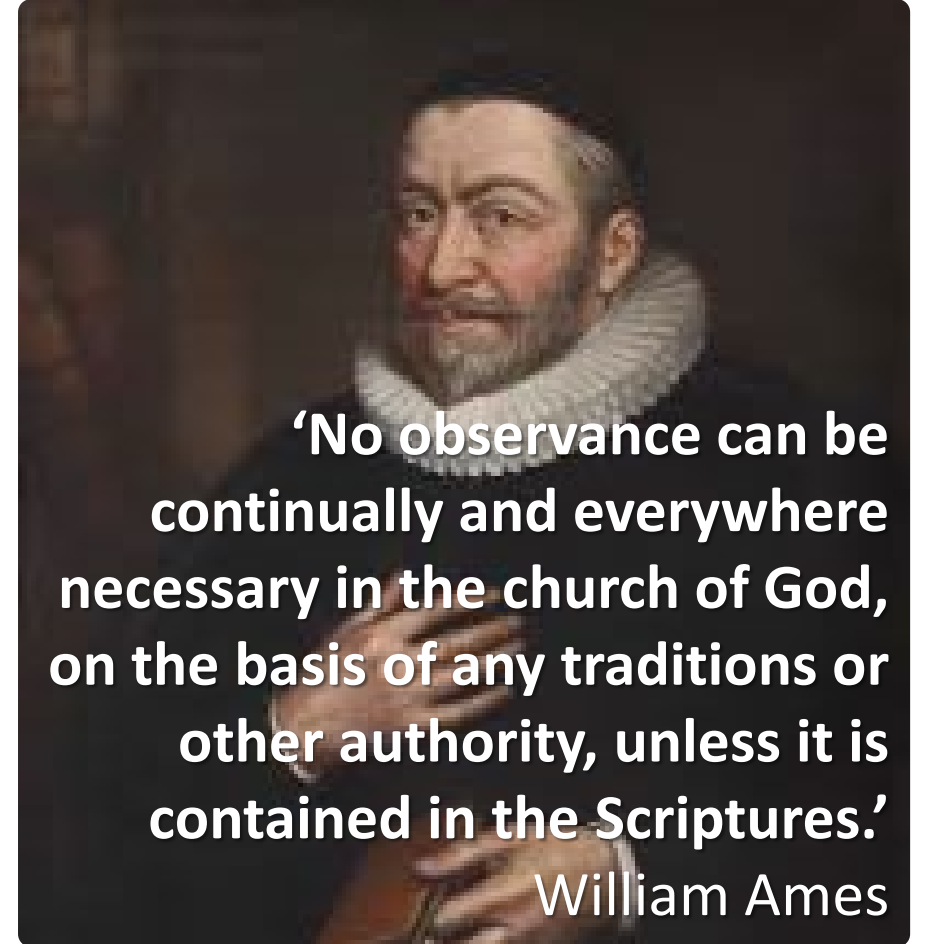
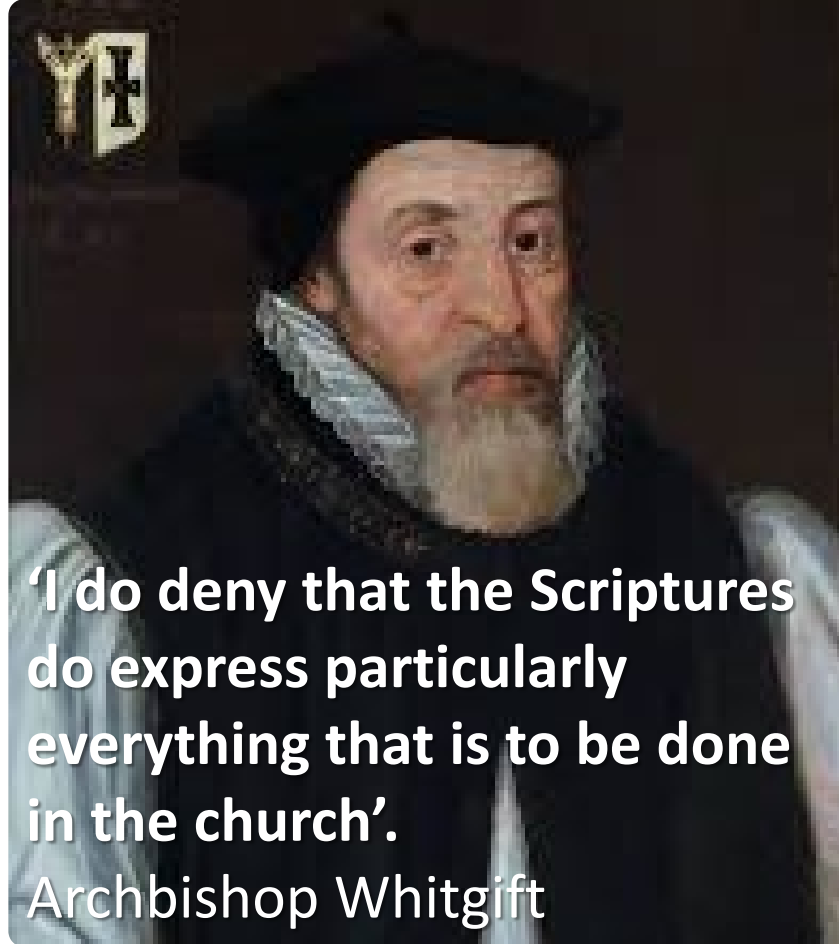


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- *Debate over specificity of Scripture:*



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History

- *Early Separatists*
 - Established Church as corrupt
 - Focus on gathered church
 - Development of congregationalism
 - Resistance to set forms of liturgy
 - Greater focus on work of the Spirit

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- *Early Separatists*
 - William Kiffin

“If we cannot keep faith and a good conscience, in obeying all the commands of Christ, so long as we assemble ourselves with you, then we are necessitated to separate ourselves from you.”



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History

- *Early Separatists*
 - Henry Barrow

“May reading said to be praying? Is this not presumptuously to undertake to teach the Spirit of God? And to take away his office which instructs all the children of God to pray, even with inward sighs and inexpressible groans. ... Is it not to utterly quench and extinguish the Spirit of God, both in the ministry and people, while they tie both them and God to their stunted numbered prayers?”



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History

- *Reform VS Separation*
 - View of established church
 - Wording of BCP
 - View of liturgy / Work of Spirit
 - Conception of church

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Freedom to
worship

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Freedom to
obey Jesus

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History

- *Civil War /
Commonwealth*

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History

- *Civil War / Commonwealth*
- *Corporate worship*
 - *Freedom / Anarchy*

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- *Civil War / Commonwealth*
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 - *Westminster Assembly*



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Chapter XX: Of Christian Liberty

II. God alone is Lord of the conscience, and has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are, in any thing, contrary to His Word; or beside it, if matters of faith, or worship.

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- *Civil War / Commonwealth*
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Chapter XXI: Of Religious Worship

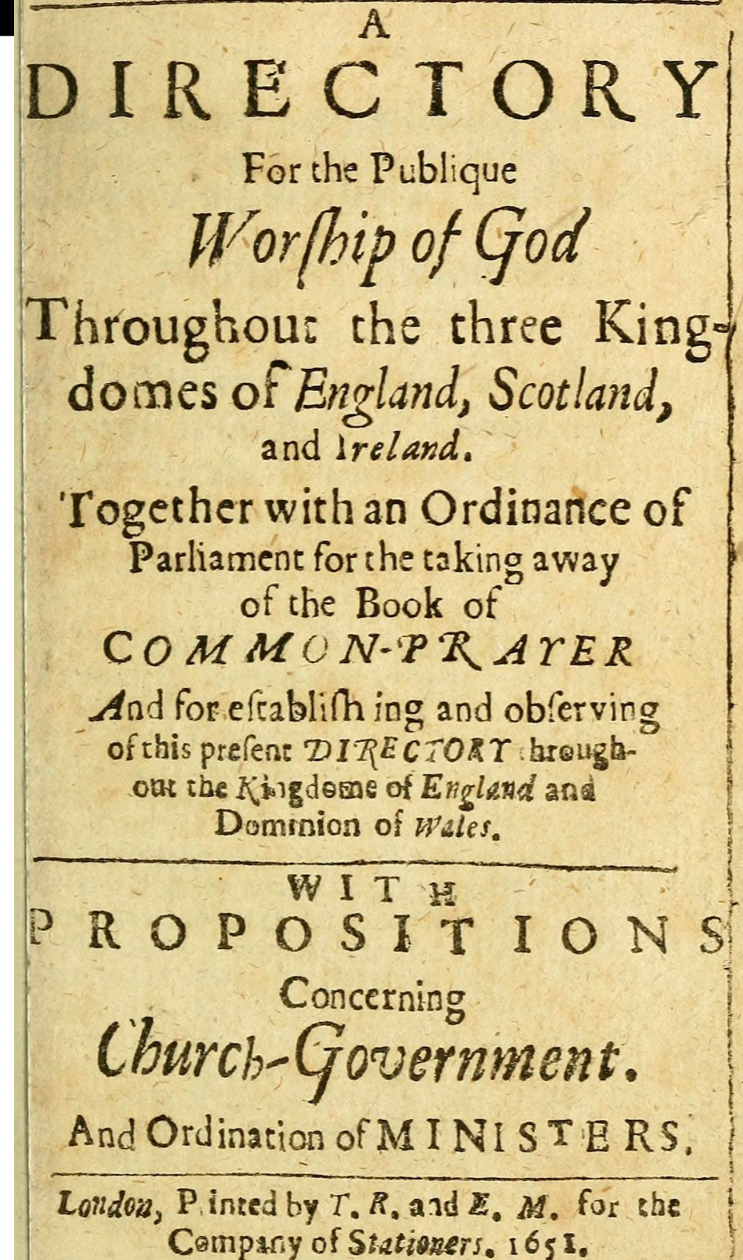
I. ... But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the holy Scripture.

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History

- Civil War / Commonwealth
- Corporate worship
 - Westminster Assembly
 - Directory for Public Worship



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History

- *Restoration of monarchy (1660)*
- *'Great Ejection' (1662)*
- *Acts of Toleration (1688)*

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■ Theology

- *Regulation of worship*
- *Jeremiah Burrough, Gospel Worship*

“Hence I say that all things in God’s worship must have a warrant out of God’s word, must be commanded. It is not enough that it is not forbidden... Now when man shall put a religious respect upon a thing by virtue of his own institution, when he hath not a warrant from God: here is superstition. We must all be willing worshippers but not will-worshippers: we must come freely to worship God but we must not worship God according to our own wills.”



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■ Theology

- *Regulation of worship*
 - Biblical basis
 - 2nd commandment
 - Specificity in OT worship
 - Biblical example

Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorised fire before the LORD, contrary to his command. So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Leviticus 10:1-2

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■ Key lessons

- *Regulation of worship*
 - Regulative principle – traditional
 - Regulative principle – today

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■ Key lessons

- *Regulation of worship*
 - Regulative principle – traditional
 - Regulative principle – today
 - What worship is acceptable to God?
 - What worship is acceptable to me?

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■ Key lessons

- *Approach to worship*
 - Set liturgy
 - Directory giving guidance
 - Open / Free

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■ Theology

- John Owen 'Nature and Beauty of Gospel Worship'
 - Gospel Worship

So are they all here distinctly mentioned: "Through him" (that is, Jesus Christ, the Son of God) "we have access by one Spirit" (that good and holy Spirit the Holy Ghost) unto God, that is the Father;" ... There is no act, part, or duty of gospel worship, wherein the worshippers have not this distinct communion with each person in the blessed Trinity.



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- *John Owen 'Nature and Beauty of Gospel Worship'*
 - Gospel Worship

This is the general order of gospel worship, the great rubric of our service. Here in general hath its decency, that it respects the mediation of the Son, through whom we have access, and the supplies and assistance of the Spirit, and a regard unto God as a Father. He that fails in any one of these, he breaks all order in gospel worship. If either we come not unto it by Jesus Christ, or perform it not in the strength of the Holy Ghost, or in it go not unto God as a Father, we transgress all the rules of this worship. This is the great canon, which if it be neglected, there is no decency in whatever else is done in this way. And this, in general, is the glory of it.



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■ Key lessons

- *Theology of worship*
 - Gospel shaping

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■ Theology

- *Stephen Charnock 'Sermon on John 4:24'*
 - Understanding

Worship is an act of the understanding, applying itself to the knowledge of the excellency of God and actual thoughts of his majesty; recognizing him as the supreme Lord and Governor of the world, which is natural knowledge; beholding the glory of his attributes in the Redeemer, which is evangelical knowledge... This must be done with understanding: (Ps. xlvii. 7) "Sing ye praise with understanding;" with a knowledge and sense of his greatness, goodness, and wisdom.



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- *Stephen Charnock 'Sermon on John 4:24'*
 - Understanding
 - Will (affections)

It is also an act of the will, whereby the soul adores and reverences his majesty, is ravished with his amiableness, embraceth his goodness, enters itself into an intimate communion with this most lovely object, and pitcheth all his affections upon him: We must worship God understandingly; it is not else a reasonable service.



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- *Theology of worship*
 - Understanding
 - Will (affections)

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■ Key lessons

- *Worship as God desires*
 - *Contra human invention*
- *Worship from gospel*
 - *Contra alternative routes*
- *Worship of mind and heart*
 - *Contra hypocrisy/formalism*