

## 2 Chronicles 29:11

## First RPC Durham

**I. All Christians have a particular station in the Church.****A. For the Lord has chosen you**

- 1) God's gracious decree of election
- 2) Identity of the Church (1 Pt 2:9-10)
- 3) The Church is separate from the World (Jn 8:44a, Col 1:13).
- 4) We have a station in the Church because of the headship of Christ. (Col 1:18)
- 5) Because of the headship of Christ, we have membership in the Church. (1 Cor 12:27, 14; Num 12:23)

**B. Which is further seen when Considering the context:**

- 1) Who is speaking and to whom is he speaking?
- 2) So too, in the New Covenant, there are stations in the Church, according to both office and maturity.

**C. Uses from the Text**

- 1) To the unbeliever: (Jn 6:37)
- 2) To the one who professes Christ but is outside the Visible Church (Belgic Confession 28)
- 3) To the Christian (1 Thes 1:2-4; Zech 4:10)

**II. All Members of the Church Have Duties According to our Station.****A. We are called to our duty because of the kingship of Christ**  
(Psa 2:6; Rev 1:6).**B. The duties given here, as applied to the Church:**

- 1) *Stand before Him*
  - a) Which reminds us that Christ is seated. (Heb 10:11-14)
  - b) Christ is seated, but we are standing (Lk 2:49; Pr 26:14)
  - c) We are reminded our heavenly inheritance (Eph 1:20, 2:6).
  - d) Let the unbeliever be warned. (Jn 3:18b-19)
  - e) The presence of the Triune God in holy worship (Psa 29:2b; Psa 67:1; Zeph 3:17)
  - f) God's presence in common life (Heb 13:5)
  - g) Uses from the Point (Psa 100:2b)
- 2) *Serve Him*
  - a) The focus of holy worship is upon God.

**b) The focus of common life (Col 3:23-24)****c) Uses from the Point (1 Pt 4:10; Mt 25:37-40; Psa 100:2a)****3) Minister to Him (Isa 61:6a; Psa 50:12; Mal 3:8-10)****4) And burn incense**

- a) We are to pray along with the elder leading praying in worship, which is confirmed when you as the congregation say *Amen*. (HC 129)
- b) We are to pray with and for one another. (Jms 5:16)

**III. We Are to Encourage One Another to Fulfill our Duties.****A. The tone of our encouragement — *My sons***

- 1) Hezekiah did not say, *My subjects*. (Philemon 1:8-9a).
- 2) The Lord speaks to us in the Law as a Father to His children (Pr 3:1-2)

**B. The cause of our exhortation (v 10)**

- 1) Not from self-righteousness (1 Cor 11:1).
- 2) Rather from Love for the Lord (Isa 9:7) and Love for the Church (Psa 69:9a) and The advancing of His Kingdom (Mt 5:16)

**C. The content of our exhortation (LC 99)**

- 1) Warning — *Do not be negligent now*
- 2) The Exhortation — *The Lord has chosen you to . . .* (Eph 4:15-16)
- 3) Reminder of the blessings, privileges and comforts of obedience — *The Lord has chosen you*

**D. We cannot do others duties for them. (Phil 2:12b; WCF 16.4)****E. We are not to go beyond our jurisdiction (2 Chr 26:16-18)**

- 1) A mark of true reformation is the recognition of the limitation of one's own authority.
- 2) Spheres of Jurisdiction: Family, Church (WCF 31.3, 5), State
- 3) Disagreement does not always necessitate rebuke (1 Cor 1:10)

**F. How is such encouragement and exhortation be received?**

(v 12; Psa 141:5; Pr 27:17)

**G. Uses from the Text**

- 1) The duties of elders and members
- 2) The duties of parents and children
- 3) Our duties toward one another
- 4) We are to look to the Lord Christ Jesus