



# **John Owen Chapters 25 & 26 and Summary**

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# Chapter 25

Jesus came to bring fallen man back to a state of Holiness.

Three mediatorial offices:

- Priest
- Prophet
- King

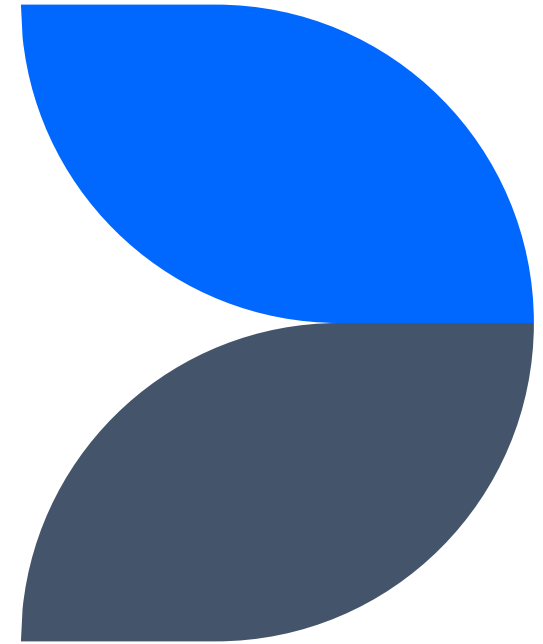
# Christ as Priest

- Owen has a particular view of the Atonement
- Jesus came as a sacrifice for HIS people (Matt. 1:21)
- Atonement was for ALL KINDS of people, but not universal.
- Christ brings JUSTIFICATION—the Spirit makes them HOLY.
- Christians MUST be Holy—NO EXCEPTIONS.

# Christ as Prophet:

Christ told the WHOLE truth about  
GOD!

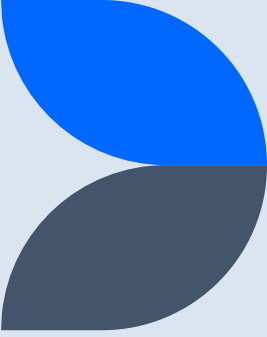
- There is nothing salvific about the teaching of other religions.
- Christ gave the true spiritual meaning of the LAW
- Christ was the ultimate interpreter Of Scripture.



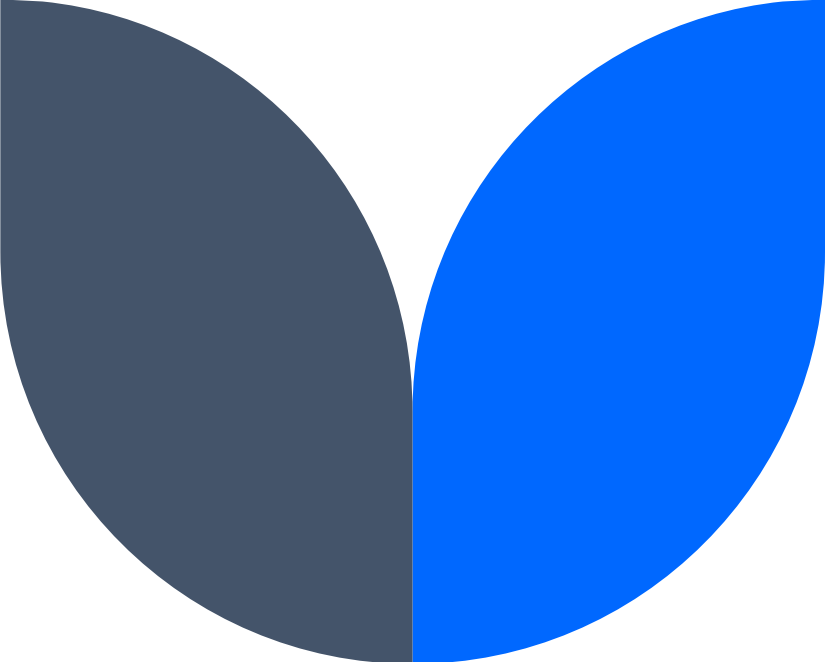
# Christ as KING

- Christ came to subdue our enemies
- Christ came to protect HIS people forever!
- The end result is HIS glory
- Thus HOLINESS=TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

# Chapter 26: Holiness in an Unholy World



- OWEN: The natural state of MAN is DEPRAVED
- However, GOD desires holiness
- Men/women in a depraved state cannot save themselves
- Does this imply that we are automatons?
- Do men and women have a will?

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- God must intervene directly and “re-tool” our hearts
  - If men and women were given complete “free will” no one would be saved
  - We love our sin and are rebels
  - Wait: “Don’t redeemed Christian still rebel?”
  - Answer: OWEN-YES...but there is no confusion in the WHOLE soul

Owen: the order of the unredeemed mind is like the order of HELL!



# So, how do we have victory over indwelling sin?

OWEN: WE ABIDE IN THE MEANS OF GRACE. REMEMBER CHRIST AND HIS SACRIFICE FOR YOU—WE LEAN ON HIM, NOT OUR OWN WILL

OUR TESTIMONY MUST BE CONSISTENT TO BRING GLORY TO CHRIST

OUR HOLINESS BEARS TESTIMONY TO THE POWER OF CHRIST!



# SUMMARY

- God desires us to be holy as he is holy**
- The one great work of the Spirit is to convince men/woman that the gospel is true**
- The Holy Spirit is the only impetus to our salvation**
- God reveals Himself in three persons—and therefore, the Holy Spirit is not a “force,” but rather, the third person of the trinity.**
- The Holy Spirit acts in concord with the trinity—the persons of the trinity do not act independently—nor do they contradict each other.**
- Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son since he is related from eternity to Father/Son.**
- **The Holy Spirit declares the “Mind of God”**

