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Preface

It will be evident to many that there is nothing original in this study. It may be asked, then, why it was written. The answer is simple: There is need that these things be more widely understood. There is ample literature, perhaps, for those who go to college or university. But what about the catechism students who do not go on to higher studies? It is our conviction that they need to grasp these things quite as urgently as the others. Indeed, we would argue that the need is for someone to introduce all of our covenant youth to these truths sooner rather than later. The writer is a pastor, who wrote these lessons for no other reason than this: The need was there, and there did not seem to be anything that was quite suited to the need. It is our hope that—whatever weaknesses these lessons may have—they will help to fill a void until something better is available.

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