**The Westminster Assembly and the Church**

**Lecture 2**

**The Church at a time of war**

I. Long-term problems under Queen Elizabeth (r. 1558-1603) and King James (r. in England 1603-1625)

A. Worship wars

B. Government

C. Doctrine

D. Options in defeat

II. Short-term problems under King Charles I (r. 1625-1649) and Archbishop William Laud (r. 1633-1645)

A. Religious problems

B. Political problems

C. Economic problems

III. Three kingdoms, one king

IV. Puritans and war

V. Five Lessons

A. Recognizing God’s will?

B. Restraining events?

*WCF 23.4: It is the duty of people to pray for the magistrates, to honour their persons, to pay them tribute and other dues, to obey their* ***lawful*** *commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake. Infidelity, or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrates' just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to them.*

C. Requiring a confession

D. Rescuing true worship

E. Restoring good government