

Week 2: The Caroline Divines and Habitual Recollection



Review: F. P. Harton's *Elements of the Spiritual Life*, pp. 273-281 and Martin Thornton's *English Spirituality*, pp. 51;

Read: Selections from Bishop Jeremy Taylor's *Holy Living* ("Care of Our Time," "The Practice of the Presence of God," "Several Manners of the Divine Presence," "Of Charity"; Thornton, *English Spirituality*, 230-281; Martin Thornton's article "The Caroline Divines and the Cambridge Platonists" in [The Study of Spirituality](#), 431-437.

Watch: a [brief video on Taylor and Habitual Recollection](#).

Download: the notes that support the video.

In Discussion

Your posts should, in some way, be responses to the **readings of Week 2** on the Caroline love for making books of private devotion and/or on the Caroline emphasis on habitual recollection as a means of constant prayer. You might even consider how the practice of keeping a spiritual commonplace could assist in developing habitual recollection in a world that (diabolically :-)) militates against any such attempt. You might also consider how a pattern of praying the daily office in private--or publicly in the church, as required of the clergy in the early prayer books--aids the development of habitual recollection by reminding us always that we are ever walking in His sight. Or, respond to this week's selections from Taylor or other readings of the week in some other way.