

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 4

Question 9. Doth not God then do injustice to man, by requiring from him in his law, that which he cannot perform?

Answer. Not at all; [a] for God made man capable [b] of performing it; but man, by the instigation [c] of the devil, and his own willful disobedience, [d] deprived himself and all his posterity of those divine gifts.

Question 10. Will God suffer such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

Answer. By no means; [e] but is terribly displeased [f] with our original as well as actual sins; and will punish them in his just judgment temporally and eternally, and he hath declared, [g] "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things, which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Question 11. But is not God also merciful?

Answer. God is indeed merciful, [h] but also just; [i] therefore his justice requires [j] that sin, which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be also punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting [k] punishment both of body and soul.

[a]: Eccl. 7:29

[b]: John 8:44; 2Cor. 11:3

[c]: Gen. 3:4,7

[d]: Rom. 5:12

[e]: Psa. 5:5

[f]: Rom. 1:18; Deut. 28:15; Heb. 9:27

[g]: Gal. 3:10

[h]: Ex. 24:6

[i]: Ex 20:5; Job 34:10,11

[j]: Psa. 5:5,6

[k]: Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 4:

God : _____

Injustice : _____

Law : _____

Devil : _____

Disobedience/Willful disobedience : _____

Divine gifts : _____

Rebellion : _____

Name : _____

Original sin : _____

Actual sins : _____

Punish/Punishment : _____

Just/Just judgement : _____

Temporally : _____

Eternally : _____

Cursed : _____

Book of the Law : _____

Merciful : _____

Justice : _____

Name : _____

Sin : _____

Committed : _____

Most high majesty of God : _____

Everlasting : _____

Name : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Ecclesiastes 7:29

What does the statement "God made mankind upright" mean?

2. John 8:44

Who is the devil? Is he a real person?

3. Galatians 3:10

Can anyone obey the law perfectly?

Name : _____

4. Exodus 20:5

What is the extent of God's punishment for sin?

5. Romans 6:23

How is God merciful to us, his children?
