

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 34

Question 92. What is the law of God?

Answer. God spake all these words, Exodus 20, Deut. 5, saying: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand *generations* of those who love me and keep my commandments.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Question 93. How are these commandments divided?

Answer. Into two [a] tables; the [b] first of which teaches us how we must behave towards God; the second, what duties we owe to our neighbor.

Question 94. What doth God enjoin in the first commandment?

Answer. That I, as sincerely as I desire the salvation of my own soul, avoid and flee from all idolatry, [c] sorcery, [d] soothsaying, superstition, [e] invocation of

saints, or any other creatures; and learn [f] rightly to know the only true God; [g] trust in him alone, with humility [h] and patience [i] submit to him; [j] expect all good things from him only; [k] love, [l] fear, and [m] glorify him with my whole heart; so that I renounce [n] and forsake all creatures, rather than [o] commit even the least thing contrary to his will.

Question 95. What is idolatry?

Answer. Idolatry is, instead of, or besides that one true God, who has manifested himself in his word, to contrive, or have any other object, in which men place their trust. [p]

[a]: Ex. 34:28,29

[b]: Deut. 4:13; Deut. 10:3,4

[c]: 1Cor. 6:9,10; 1Cor 10:7,14

[d]: Lev. 18:21; Deut. 18:10,11,12

[e]: Mat. 4:10; Rev. 19:10

[f]: John 17:3

[g]: Jer. 17:5,7

[h]: Heb. 10:36; Col. 1:11; Rom. 5:3,4; Phil. 2:14

[i]: 1Pet. 5:5,6

[j]: Psa. 104:27; Isa. 45:7; James 1:17

[k]: Deut. 6:5; Mat. 22:37

[l]: Deut. 6:5; Mat. 10:28

[m]: Mat. 4:10

[n]: Mat. 5:29,30; Acts 5:29; Mat. 10:37

[o]: Mat. 5:19

[p]: 2Chron. 16:12; Phil. 3:18,19; Gal. 4:8; Eph. 2:12

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 34:

Law of God : _____

Misuse : _____

Sabbath : _____

Holy : _____

Honor : _____

Murder : _____

Adultery : _____

Steal : _____

Name : _____

False testimony : _____

Covet : _____

Our neighbor : _____

Enjoin : _____

Idolatry : _____

Sorcery : _____

Soothsaying : _____

Superstition : _____

Invocation of Saints : _____

Name : _____

Trust : _____

Humility : _____

Patience : _____

Submit : _____

Love : _____

Fear : _____

Glorify : _____

Whole Heart : _____

Renounce : _____

His will : _____

Name : _____

2. Matt 22:37,38,39 and Acts 5:29

Why do you think Jesus emphasized loving God (commandments 1-4) over loving your neighbor (commandments 5-10)? Is it easier to love God instead of your neighbor? Which table of the law are you able to obey? Please explain.
