

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 36

Question 99. What is required in the third commandment?

Answer. That we, not only by cursing or [a] perjury, but also by [b] rash swearing, must not profane or abuse the name of [c] God; nor by silence or connivance be partakers of these horrible sins in others; and, briefly, that we use the holy name of God no otherwise than with fear and reverence; so that he may be rightly [d] confessed and [e] worshipped by us, and be glorified in all our words and works.

Question 100. Is then the profaning of God's name, by swearing and cursing, so heinous a sin, that his wrath is kindled against those who do not endeavor, as much as in them lies, to prevent and forbid such cursing and swearing?

Answer. It undoubtedly is, [f] for there is no sin greater or more provoking to God, than the profaning of his name; and therefore he has commanded this [g] sin to be punished with death.

[a]: Lev. 24:11; Lev. 19:12; Mat. 5:37; Lev. 5:4

[b]: Isa. 45:23,24

[c]: Mat. 10:32

[d]: 1Tim. 2:8

[e]: 1Cor. 3:16,17

[f]: Lev. 5:1

[g]: Lev. 24:15

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 36:

Third Commandment : _____

Cursing : _____

Perjury : _____

Rash swearing : _____

Profane : _____

Name : _____

Abuse : _____

Connivance : _____

Otherwise : _____

Fear : _____

Reverence : _____

Confessed : _____

Words : _____

Works : _____

God's name : _____

Heinous : _____

Name : _____

Endeavor : _____

Undoubtedly : _____

Provoking : _____

Name : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Matthew 5:37

How important is it to keep your word and not make false promises or pledges? Please explain.

2. Lev. 19:12

How is God's name profaned when someone swears falsely? Please explain.

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3. Lev. 24:15

How serious should we take the misuse of God's name? Please explain.
