

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 40

Question 105. What doth God require in the sixth commandment?

Answer. That neither in thoughts, nor words, nor gestures, much less in deeds, I dishonor, hate, wound, or [a] kill my neighbor, by myself or by another; but that I lay [b] aside all desire of revenge: also, that I [c] hurt not myself, nor willfully expose myself to any danger. Wherefore also the magistrate [d] is armed with the sword, to prevent murder.

Question 106. But this commandment seems only to speak of murder?

Answer. In forbidding murder, God teaches us, that he abhors the causes thereof, such as [e] envy, [f] hatred, anger, and desire of revenge; and that [g] he accounts all these as murder.

Question 107. But is it enough that we do not kill any man in the manner mentioned above?

Answer. No: for when god forbids envy, hatred, and anger, he commands us to [h] love our neighbor as ourselves; to show [i] patience, peace, [j] meekness, [k] mercy, and all kindness, towards him, [l] and prevent his hurt as much as in us lies' and that we [m] do good, even to our enemies.

[a]: Mat. 5:21,22; Prov. 12:18; Mat. 26:52

[b]: Eph. 4:26; Rom. 12:19; Mat. 5:39,40

[c]: Mat. 4:5,6,7; Col. 2:23

[d]: Gen. 9:6; Mat. 26:52; Rom. 13:4

[e]: James 1:20; Gal. 5:20

[f]: Rom. 1:29; 1John 2:9

[g]: 1John 3:15

[h]: Mat. 22:39; Mat. 7:12

[i]: Rom. 12:10

[j]: Eph. 4:2; Gal. 6:1,2; Mat. 5:5; Rom. 12:18

[k]: Ex. 23:5

[l]: Mat. 5:45

[m]: Rom. 12:20

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 40:

Sixth Commandment : _____

Thoughts : _____

Words : _____

Gestures : _____

Deeds : _____

Dishonor : _____

Wound : _____

Kill : _____

Name : _____

Neighbor : _____

Lay aside : _____

Revenge : _____

Willfully expose : _____

Sword : _____

Murder : _____

Abhors : _____

Envy : _____

Hatred : _____

Name : _____

Anger : _____

Desire of revenge : _____

Accounts : _____

Patience : _____

Peace : _____

Meekness : _____

Mercy : _____

Kindness : _____

Name : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Mat. 5:21,22

Can words really cause that much damage? Please explain.

2. Rom. 12:19

Should you take revenge on another? Why not?

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3. Mat. 22:39; Rom. 12:10; Rom. 12:18; Mat. 5:5

Based on the above verses, please summarize how we are to behave and act toward others.

4. Rom. 12:20

How are we to treat our enemies?
