

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 47

Overview/Purpose

“The second part of the Lord’s Prayer now follows, containing six petitions. The petition, *Hallowed be thy name*, is placed first in order, because it comprehends the end and design of all the rest, inasmuch as the glory of God should be the end of all our affairs, actions and prayers. The end, too, is the first thing in the thoughts and intention of any one, and the last in execution. Therefore the end of the other petitions should be sought in the first place, if we would seek them aright, according to the command of Christ, ‘Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you’ (Matt. 6:33).”

“The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pgs 629-630.

Method

Following the Trivium, the grammar stage calls for rote memorization. Constant drilling and recitation is absolutely necessary and will require direct parental participation.

Suggested Materials For Parents

See “The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pgs 629-632.

Word Definitions

• Account	• Actions	• Blasphemed
• Clearly displayed	• Direct	• First
• First	• Glorify	• Goodness
• Grant	• Hallowed	• Honored
• Justice	• Know	• Mercy
• Order	• Petition	• Power
• Praise	• Praised	• Rightly
• Sanctify	• Thoughts	• Truth
• Whole lives	• Wisdom	• Words
• Works		

Suggested Activities

- Review word definitions
- Memory game to review word definitions and catechism questions
- Spelling test using the words in this catechism lesson
- Memorize key bible verses
- Service projects to reinforce the lessons found in the catechism questions

- Many opportunities for creativity!

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Question 122. Which is the first petition?

Answer. [a] "Hallowed be thy name"; that is, grant us, first, rightly [b] to know thee, and to [c] sanctify, glorify and praise thee, in all thy works, in which thy power, wisdom, goodness, justice, mercy and truth, are clearly displayed; and further also, that we may so order and direct our whole lives, our thoughts, words and actions, that thy name may never be blasphemed, but rather [d] honored and praised on our account.

[a]: Mat. 6:9

[b]: John 17:3; Jer. 9:23,24; Mat. 16:17; James 1:5

[c]: Psa. 119:137,138; Luke 1:46; Psa. 145:8,9

[d]: Psa. 115:1; Psa. 71:8