

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 48

Overview/Purpose

“Thy kingdom come. The sense is, let thy kingdom grow amongst us and increase by continual advances; and always by new accessions, O God, let thy kingdom which thou hast in thy church, be enlarged and multiplied.

The questions which chiefly claim our attention in connection with this petition, are the following:

- What is the kingdom of God?
- How manifold is the kingdom of God?
- Who is the Head and King of this kingdom?
- Who are the subjects of this kingdom?
- What are the laws of this kingdom?
- What are the benefits enjoyed in this kingdom?
- Who are its enemies?
- Where is it administered?
- How long will it continue?
- How it comes to us?
- Why should we pray that it may come?”

“The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pg 632.

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 632-637.

Word Definitions

• Second	• Petition	• Kingdom come
• Rule	• Word	• Spirit
• Submit	• Ourselves	• Preserve
• Increase	• Church	• Destroy
• Works	• Devil	• Violence
• Exalt	• Against	• Wicked
• Counsels	• Devised	• Against
• Holy Word	• Perfection	• Kingdom

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 123. Which is the second petition?

Answer. [a] "Thy kingdom come"; that is, rule us so by thy word and Spirit, that we may [b] submit ourselves more and more to thee; preserve and [c] increase thy church; destroy the [d] works of the devil, and all violence which would exalt itself against thee; and also, all wicked counsels devised against thy holy word; till the full [e] perfection of thy kingdom take place, [f] wherein thou shalt be all in all.

[a]: Mat. 6:10

[b]: Psa. 119:5

[c]: Psa. 51:18

[d]: 1John 3:8; Rom. 16:20

[e]: Rev. 22:17,20

[f]: 1Cor. 15:15,28