

Lord's Day 34

Questions 92, 93, 94, & 95

Question 92: What does the Lord say in his law?

Answer: *God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall no other gods before me. ...*

(this answer of the Heidelberg Catechism quotes Exodus 20:1-17)



Heart of the Matter:

The LORD set us free from bondage as He did the children of Israel when they left the slavery of Egypt. Express your gratitude. _____

Key scriptures:

Exodus 20:1-17 *“And God spoke all these words: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.*

‘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 and keep my commandments.

‘You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

‘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. ‘Honor your father and your mother, so you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

‘You shall not murder.

‘You shall not commit adultery.

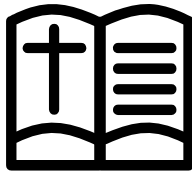
‘You shall not steal.

‘You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

‘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.’”

How do you see God’s law as a road map for our journey of faith?

The commandments give us God’s will for his people. Rather than as slaves, how do they call us to child-like obedience?



Exodus

20:1-17

Deuteronomy

5:6-21

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Question 93: *How are these commandments divided?*

Answer: *Into two tables.*
The **first** has four commandments, teaching us what our relation to God should be.
The **second** has six commandments teaching us what we owe our neighbor.



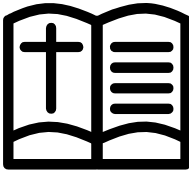
Heart of the Matter:

Reverence for God and respect for our neighbor are the foundation for our journey of faith.

How do the first four commandments help you to understand your need to reverence God? _____

How do the second six commandments affect the way you live with and treat other people? _____

Would you do as well as you do, without this road map? Express why not. _____



Key scriptures:

Matthew
22:37-39

Matthew 22:37-39 *“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

How does everything in life hang on the two commandments?

How are you living out:
Commandment 1? _____

Commandment 2? _____

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Question 94: **What does the Lord require in the first commandment?**

First Commandment: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

Answer: **That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone, look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love him, fear him, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against his will in any way.**



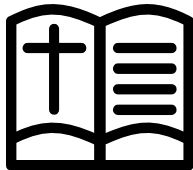
Heart of the Matter:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

Is there anything or anyone in your life that separates you from this commandment? _____

Think deeper, answer this question again? _____

What action might you need to take? _____



1 Corinthians
6:9-10, 10:5-14
1 John
5:21
Leviticus
19:31
Deuteronomy
18:9-12, 6:5, 13
Matthew
4:10, 22:37
5:29-30
10:37-39
Revelations
19:10, 22:8-9
John
17:3
Jeremiah
17:5, 7
Psalms
104:27-28
James
1:17
1 Peter
5:5-6, 1:17
Colossians
1:11
Hebrews
10:36
Proverbs
9:10

Key scriptures:

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart: you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates."

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether it is good or whether it is evil."

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

How are you loving God by keeping the commandments? _____

How are you teaching your children as children of faith? _____

To love God? _____

To keep his commandments? _____

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Question 95: *What is idolatry?*

First Commandment: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

Answer: *Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in his Word.*

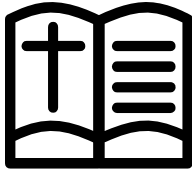


Heart of the Matter:

Are you trusting besides the Father and His WORD:

Friends? _____
Children? _____
Position? _____
etc? _____

Spouse? _____
Money? _____
Education? _____
etc? _____



Key scriptures:

1 Chronicles
16:26
Galatians
4:8-9
Ephesians
5:5
Philippians
3:19

Galatians 4:8-9 *"Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God — how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?"*

Are there any changes you need to make in your thinking? _____

In what you trust? _____

In who you are trusting? _____

What actions do you need to take? _____

