

# Westminster Larger Catechism on the Moral Law of God

## Questions 91–153

### Introduction to the Moral Law

Question 91: What is the duty which God requires of man? Answer: The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.<sup>1</sup>

Question 92: What did God at first reveal unto man as the rule of his obedience? Answer: The rule of obedience revealed to Adam in the estate of innocence, and to all mankind in him, besides a special command not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the moral law.<sup>2</sup>

Question 93: What is the moral law? Answer: The moral law is the declaration of the will of God to mankind, directing and binding every one to personal, perfect, and perpetual conformity and obedience thereunto, in the frame and disposition of the whole man, soul and body,<sup>3</sup> and in performance of all those duties of holiness and righteousness which he owes to God and man:<sup>4</sup> promising life upon the fulfilling, and threatening death upon the breach of it.<sup>5</sup>

Question 94: Is there any use of the moral law to man since the fall? Answer: Although no man, since the fall, can attain to righteousness and life by the moral law;<sup>6</sup> yet there is great use thereof, as well common to all men, as peculiar either to the unregenerate, or the regenerate.<sup>7</sup>

Question 95: Of what use is the moral law to all men? Answer: The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God,<sup>8</sup> and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly;<sup>9</sup> to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives;<sup>10</sup> to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery,<sup>11</sup> and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ,<sup>12</sup> and of the perfection of his obedience.<sup>13</sup>

Question 96: What particular use is there of the moral law to unregenerate men? Answer: The moral law is of use to unregenerate men, to awaken their consciences to flee from wrath to come,<sup>14</sup> and to drive them to Christ,<sup>15</sup> or, upon their continuance in the estate and way of sin, to leave them inexcusable,<sup>16</sup> and under the curse thereof.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rom. 12:1,2; Micah 6:8; 1 Sam. 15:22

<sup>2</sup> Gen. 1:26,27; Rom. 2:14,15; Rom. 10:5; Gen. 2:17

<sup>3</sup> Deut. 5:1-3,31,33; Luke 10:26,27; Gal. 3:10; 1  
Thess. 5:23

<sup>4</sup> Luke 1:75; Acts 24:16

<sup>5</sup> Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:10,12

<sup>6</sup> Rom. 8:3; Gal. 2:16

<sup>7</sup> 1 Tim. 1:8

<sup>8</sup> Lev. 11:44,45; Lev. 20:7,8; Rom. 7:12

<sup>9</sup> Micah 6:8; James 2:10,11

<sup>10</sup> Ps. 19:11,12; Rom. 3:20; Rom. 7:7

<sup>11</sup> Rom. 3:9,23

<sup>12</sup> Gal. 3:21,22

<sup>13</sup> Rom. 10:4

<sup>14</sup> 1 Tim. 1:9,10

<sup>15</sup> Gal. 3:24

<sup>16</sup> Rom. 1:20; Rom. 2:15

<sup>17</sup> Gal. 3:10

Question 97: What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate? Answer: Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ, be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works,<sup>18</sup> so as thereby they are neither justified<sup>19</sup> nor condemned;<sup>20</sup> yet, besides the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use, to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead, and for their good;<sup>21</sup> and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness,<sup>22</sup> and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.<sup>23</sup>

Question 98: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? Answer: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments, which were delivered by the voice of God upon Mount Sinai, and written by him in two tables of stone;<sup>24</sup> and are recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. The four first commandments containing our duty to God, and the other six our duty to man.<sup>25</sup>

Question 99: What rules are to be observed for the right understanding of the Ten Commandments? Answer: For the right understanding of the Ten Commandments, these rules are to be observed:

1. That the law is perfect, and binds everyone to full conformity in the whole man unto the righteousness thereof, and unto entire obedience for ever, so as to require the utmost perfection of every duty, and to forbid the least degree of every sin.<sup>26</sup>
2. That it is spiritual, and so reaches the understanding, will, affections, and all other powers of the soul; as well as words, works, and gestures.<sup>27</sup>
3. That one and the same thing, in divers respects, is required or forbidden in several commandments.<sup>28</sup>
4. That as, where a duty is commanded, the contrary sin is forbidden;<sup>29</sup> and, where a sin is forbidden, the contrary duty is commanded;<sup>30</sup> so, where a promise is annexed, the contrary threatening is included;<sup>31</sup> and where a threatening is annexed, the contrary promise is included.<sup>32</sup>
5. That what God forbids, is at no time to be done;<sup>33</sup> what he commands, is always our duty;<sup>34</sup> and yet every particular duty is not to be done at all times.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> Rom. 6:14; Rom. 7:4,6; Gal. 4:4,5

<sup>19</sup> Rom. 3:20

<sup>20</sup> Gal. 5:23; Rom. 8:1

<sup>21</sup> Rom. 7:24,25; Gal. 3:13,14; Rom. 8:3,4

<sup>22</sup> Luke 1:68,69,74,75; Col. 1:12,13,14

<sup>23</sup> Rom. 7:22; Rom. 12:2; Tit. 2:11-14

<sup>24</sup> Deut. 10:4; Exod. 34:1-4

<sup>25</sup> Matt. 22:37-40

<sup>26</sup> Ps. 19:7; James 2:10; Matt. 5:21,22

<sup>27</sup> Rom. 7:14; Deut. 6:5 compared with Matt. 22:37,38,39; Matt. 5:21,22,27,28,33,34,37,38, 39,43,44

<sup>28</sup> Col. 3:5; Amos 8:5; Prov. 1:19; 1 Tim. 6:10

<sup>29</sup> Isa. 58:13; Deut. 6:13 compared with Matt. 4:9,10; Matt. 15:4,5,6

<sup>30</sup> Matt. 5:21-25; Eph. 4:28

<sup>31</sup> Exod. 20:12 compared with Prov. 30:17

<sup>32</sup> Jer. 18:7,8; Exod. 20:7; Ps. 15:1,4,5; Ps. 24:4,5

<sup>33</sup> Job 13:7,8; Rom. 3:8; Job 36:21; Heb. 11:25

<sup>34</sup> Deut. 4:8,9

<sup>35</sup> Matt. 12:7

6. That under one sin or duty, all of the same kind are forbidden or commanded together with all the causes, means, occasions and appearances thereof, and provocations thereunto.<sup>36</sup>
7. That what is forbidden or commanded to ourselves, we are bound, according to our places, to endeavor that it may be avoided or performed by others, according to the duty of their places.<sup>37</sup>
8. That in what is commanded to others, we are bound, according to our places and callings, to be helpful to them;<sup>38</sup> and to take heed of partaking with others in what is forbidden them.<sup>39</sup>

Question 100: What special things are we to consider in the Ten Commandments? Answer: We are to consider, in the Ten Commandments, the preface, the substance of the commandments themselves, and several reasons annexed to some of them, the more to enforce them.

Question 101: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments? Answer: The preface to the Ten Commandments is contained in these words, I am the Lord your God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.<sup>40</sup> Wherein God manifests his sovereignty, as being JEHOVAH, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God;<sup>41</sup> having his being in and of himself,<sup>42</sup> and giving being to all his words<sup>43</sup> and works:<sup>44</sup> and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people;<sup>45</sup> who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivers us from our spiritual thralldom;<sup>46</sup> and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.<sup>47</sup>

### **The First Commandment**

Question 102: What is the sum of the four commandments which contain our duty to God?

Answer: The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God, is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul and with all our strength, and with all our mind.<sup>48</sup>

Question 103: Which is the first commandment? Answer: The first commandment is, You shall have no other gods before me.<sup>49</sup>

Question 104: What are the duties required in the first commandment? Answer: The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only

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<sup>36</sup> Matt. 5:21,22,27,28; Matt. 15:4-6; Heb. 10:24,25; 1 Thess. 5:22; Jude 23; Gal. 5:26; Col. 3:21

<sup>37</sup> Exod. 20:10; Lev. 19:17; Gen. 18:19; Josh. 24:15; Deut. 6:6,7

<sup>38</sup> 2 Cor. 1:24

<sup>39</sup> 1 Tim. 5:22; Eph. 5:11

<sup>40</sup> Exod. 20:2

<sup>41</sup> Isa. 44:6

<sup>42</sup> Exod. 3:14

<sup>43</sup> Exod. 6:3

<sup>44</sup> Acts 17:24,28

<sup>45</sup> Gen. 17:7 compared with Rom. 3:29

<sup>46</sup> Luke 1:74,75

<sup>47</sup> 1 Pet. 1:15-18; Lev. 18:30; Lev. 19:37

<sup>48</sup> Luke 10:27

<sup>49</sup> Exod. 20:3

true God, and our God;<sup>50</sup> and to worship and glorify him accordingly,<sup>51</sup> by thinking,<sup>52</sup> meditating,<sup>53</sup> remembering,<sup>54</sup> highly esteeming,<sup>55</sup> honoring,<sup>56</sup> adoring,<sup>57</sup> choosing,<sup>58</sup> loving,<sup>59</sup> desiring,<sup>60</sup> fearing of him;<sup>61</sup> believing him;<sup>62</sup> trusting,<sup>63</sup> hoping,<sup>64</sup> delighting,<sup>65</sup> rejoicing in him;<sup>66</sup> being zealous for him;<sup>67</sup> calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks,<sup>68</sup> and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him,<sup>69</sup> and sorrowful when in anything he is offended;<sup>70</sup> and walking humbly with him.<sup>71</sup>

Question 105: What are the sins forbidden in the first commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the first commandment are, Atheism, in denying, or not having a God;<sup>72</sup> Idolatry, in having or worshipping more gods than one, or any with or instead of the true God;<sup>73</sup> the not having and avouching him for God, and our God;<sup>74</sup> the omission or neglect of anything due to him, required in this commandment;<sup>75</sup> ignorance,<sup>76</sup> forgetfulness,<sup>77</sup> misapprehensions,<sup>78</sup> false opinions,<sup>79</sup> unworthy and wicked thoughts of him;<sup>80</sup> bold and curious searching into his secrets;<sup>81</sup> all profaneness,<sup>82</sup> hatred of God;<sup>83</sup> self-love,<sup>84</sup> self-seeking,<sup>85</sup> and all other inordinate and immoderate setting of our mind, will, or affections upon other things, and taking them off from him in whole or in part;<sup>86</sup> vain credulity,<sup>87</sup> unbelief,<sup>88</sup> heresy,<sup>89</sup> misbelief,<sup>90</sup> distrust,<sup>91</sup> despair,<sup>92</sup> incorrigibleness<sup>93</sup> and insensibleness under judgments,<sup>94</sup> hardness of heart,<sup>95</sup> pride,<sup>96</sup> presumption,<sup>97</sup> carnal security,<sup>98</sup> tempting of God;<sup>99</sup> using unlawful means,<sup>100</sup> and trusting in unlawful means;<sup>101</sup> carnal delights and joys;<sup>102</sup> corrupt, blind, and indiscreet zeal;<sup>103</sup> lukewarmness,<sup>104</sup> and deadness in the things of God;<sup>105</sup> estranging ourselves, and apostatizing

<sup>50</sup> 1 Chron. 28:9; Deut. 26:17; Isa. 43:10; Jer. 14:22

<sup>51</sup> Ps. 95:6,7; Matt. 4:10; Ps. 29:2

<sup>52</sup> Mal. 3:16

<sup>53</sup> Ps. 63:6

<sup>54</sup> Eccl. 12:1

<sup>55</sup> Ps. 71:19

<sup>56</sup> Mal. 1:6

<sup>57</sup> Isa. 45:23

<sup>58</sup> Josh. 24:15,22

<sup>59</sup> Deut. 6:5

<sup>60</sup> Ps. 73:25

<sup>61</sup> Isa. 8:13

<sup>62</sup> Exod. 14:31

<sup>63</sup> Isa. 26:4

<sup>64</sup> Ps. 130:7

<sup>65</sup> Ps. 37:4

<sup>66</sup> Ps. 32:11

<sup>67</sup> Rom. 12:11 with Num. 25:11

<sup>68</sup> Phil. 4:6

<sup>69</sup> 1 John 3:22

<sup>70</sup> Jer. 31:18; Ps. 119:136

<sup>71</sup> Micah 6:8

<sup>72</sup> Ps. 14:1; Eph. 2:12

<sup>73</sup> Jer. 2:27,28 compared with 1 Thess. 1:9

<sup>74</sup> Ps. 81:11

<sup>75</sup> Isa. 43:22,23,24

<sup>76</sup> Jer. 4:22; Hos. 4:1,6

<sup>77</sup> Jer. 2:32

<sup>78</sup> Acts 17:23,29

<sup>79</sup> Isa. 40:18

<sup>80</sup> Ps. 50:21

<sup>81</sup> Deut. 29:29

<sup>82</sup> Tit. 1:16; Heb. 12:16

<sup>83</sup> Rom. 1:30

<sup>84</sup> 2 Tim. 3:2

<sup>85</sup> Phil. 2:21

<sup>86</sup> 1 John 2:15,16; 1 Sam. 2:29; Col. 3:2,5

<sup>87</sup> 1 John 4:1

<sup>88</sup> Heb. 3:12

<sup>89</sup> Gal. 5:20

<sup>90</sup> Acts 26:9

<sup>91</sup> Ps. 78:22

<sup>92</sup> Gen. 4:13

<sup>93</sup> Jer. 5:3

<sup>94</sup> Isa. 42:25

<sup>95</sup> Rom. 2:5

<sup>96</sup> Jer. 13:15

<sup>97</sup> Ps. 19:13

<sup>98</sup> Zeph. 1:12

<sup>99</sup> Mt. 4:7

<sup>100</sup> Rom. 3:8

<sup>101</sup> Jer. 17:5

<sup>102</sup> 2 Tim. 3:4

<sup>103</sup> Gal. 4:17; John 16:2; Rom. 10:2; Luke 9:54,55

<sup>104</sup> Rev. 3:16

<sup>105</sup> Rev. 3:1

from God;<sup>106</sup> praying, or giving any religious worship, to saints, angels, or any other creatures;<sup>107</sup> all compacts and consulting with the devil,<sup>108</sup> and hearkening to his suggestions;<sup>109</sup> making men the lords of our faith and conscience;<sup>110</sup> slighting and despising God and his commands;<sup>111</sup> resisting and grieving of his Spirit,<sup>112</sup> discontent and impatience at his dispensations, charging him foolishly for the evils he inflicts on us;<sup>113</sup> and ascribing the praise of any good we either are, have, or can do, to fortune,<sup>114</sup> idols,<sup>115</sup> ourselves,<sup>116</sup> or any other creature.<sup>117</sup>

Question 106: What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment? Answer: These words [before me], or before my face, in the first commandment, teach us that God, who sees all things, takes special notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God: that so it may be an argument to dissuade from it, and to aggravate it as a most impudent provocation:<sup>118</sup> as also to persuade us to do as in his sight, whatever we do in his service.<sup>119</sup>

## The Second Commandment

Question 107: Which is the second commandment? Answer: The second commandment is, You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall not bow down yourself to them, not serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.<sup>120</sup>

Question 108: What are the duties required in the second commandment? Answer: The duties required in the second commandment are, the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has instituted in his word;<sup>121</sup> particularly prayer and thanksgiving in the name of Christ;<sup>122</sup> the reading, preaching, and hearing of the word;<sup>123</sup> the administration and receiving of the sacraments;<sup>124</sup> church government and discipline;<sup>125</sup> the ministry and maintenance thereof;<sup>126</sup> religious fasting;<sup>127</sup> swearing by the name of God,<sup>128</sup> and

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<sup>106</sup> Ezek. 14:5; Isa. 1:4,5

<sup>107</sup> Rom. 10:13,14; Hosea 4:12; Acts 10:25,26; Rev. 19:10; Matt. 4:10; Col. 2:18; Rom. 1:25

<sup>108</sup> Lev. 20:6; 1 Sam. 28:7,11; 1 Chron. 10:13,14

<sup>109</sup> Acts 5:3

<sup>110</sup> 2 Cor. 1:24; Matt. 23:9

<sup>111</sup> Deut. 32:15; 2 Sam. 12:9; Prov. 13:13

<sup>112</sup> Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30

<sup>113</sup> Ps. 73:2,3,13,14,15,22; Job 1:22

<sup>114</sup> 1 Sam. 6:7,8,9

<sup>115</sup> Dan. 5:23

<sup>116</sup> Deut. 8:17; Dan. 4:30

<sup>117</sup> Hab. 1:16

<sup>118</sup> Ezek. 8:5,6; Ps. 44:20,21

<sup>119</sup> 1 Chron. 28:9

<sup>120</sup> Exod. 20:4,5,6

<sup>121</sup> Deut. 32:46,47; Matt. 28:20; Acts 2:42; 1 Tim. 6:13,14

<sup>122</sup> Phil. 4:6; Eph. 5:20

<sup>123</sup> Deut. 17:18,19; Acts 15:21; 2 Tim. 4:2; James 1:21,22; Acts 10:33

<sup>124</sup> Matt. 28:19

<sup>125</sup> Matt. 18:15-17; Matt. 16:19; 1 Cor. 5 throughout; 1 Cor. 12:28

<sup>126</sup> Eph. 4:11,12; 1 Tim. 5:17,18; 1 Cor. 9:7-15

<sup>127</sup> Joel 2:12,13; 1 Cor. 7:5

<sup>128</sup> Deut. 6:13

vowing unto him:<sup>129</sup> as also the disapproving, detesting, opposing, all false worship,<sup>130</sup> and, according to each one's place and calling, removing it, and all monuments of idolatry.<sup>131</sup>

Question 109: What are the sins forbidden in the second commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the second commandment are, all devising,<sup>132</sup> counselling,<sup>133</sup> commanding,<sup>134</sup> using,<sup>135</sup> and any wise approving, any religious worship not instituted by God himself;<sup>136</sup> tolerating a false religion;<sup>137</sup> the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever;<sup>138</sup> all worshipping of it,<sup>139</sup> or God in it or by it;<sup>140</sup> the making of any representation of feigned deities,<sup>141</sup> and all worship of them, or service belonging to them;<sup>142</sup> all superstitious devices,<sup>143</sup> corrupting the worship of God,<sup>144</sup> adding to it, or taking from it,<sup>145</sup> whether invented and taken up of ourselves,<sup>146</sup> or received by tradition from others,<sup>147</sup> though under the title of antiquity,<sup>148</sup> custom,<sup>149</sup> devotion,<sup>150</sup> good intent, or any other pretense whatsoever;<sup>151</sup> simony;<sup>152</sup> sacrilege;<sup>153</sup> all neglect,<sup>154</sup> contempt,<sup>155</sup> hindering,<sup>156</sup> and opposing the worship and ordinances which God has appointed.<sup>157</sup>

Question 110: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it? Answer: The reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it, contained in these words, For I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments;<sup>158</sup> are, besides God's sovereignty over us, and propriety in us,<sup>159</sup> his fervent zeal for his own worship,<sup>160</sup> and his revengeful indignation against all false worship as being a spiritual whoredom;<sup>161</sup> accounting the breakers of this commandment such as hate him, and threatening to punish them unto divers generations;<sup>162</sup> and esteeming the observers of it such as love him and keep his commandments, and promising mercy to them unto many generations.<sup>163</sup>

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<sup>129</sup> Isa. 19:21; Ps. 76:11

<sup>130</sup> Acts 17:16,17; Ps. 16:4

<sup>131</sup> Deut. 7:5; Isa. 30:22

<sup>132</sup> Numb. 15:39

<sup>133</sup> Deut. 13:6-8

<sup>134</sup> Hosea 5:11; Micah 6:16

<sup>135</sup> 1 Kings 11:33; 1 Kings 12:33

<sup>136</sup> Deut. 12:30-32

<sup>137</sup> Deut. 13:6-12; Zech. 13:2,3; Rev. 2:2,14,15,20;  
Rev. 17:12,16,17

<sup>138</sup> Deut. 4:15-19; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:21-23,25

<sup>139</sup> Dan. 3:18; Gal. 4:8

<sup>140</sup> Exod. 32:5

<sup>141</sup> Exod. 32:8

<sup>142</sup> 1 Kings 18:26,28; Isa. 65:11

<sup>143</sup> Acts 17:22; Col. 2:21-23

<sup>144</sup> Mal. 1:7,8,14

<sup>145</sup> Deut. 4:2

<sup>146</sup> Ps. 106:39

<sup>147</sup> Matt. 15:9

<sup>148</sup> 1 Pet. 1:18

<sup>149</sup> Jer. 44:17

<sup>150</sup> Isa. 65:3-5; Gal. 1:13,14

<sup>151</sup> 1 Sam. 13:11,12; 1 Sam. 15:21

<sup>152</sup> Acts 8:18

<sup>153</sup> Rom. 2:22; Mal. 3:8

<sup>154</sup> Exod. 4:24-26

<sup>155</sup> Matt. 22:5; Mal. 1:7,13

<sup>156</sup> Matt. 23:13

<sup>157</sup> Acts 13:44,45; 1 Thess. 2:15,16

<sup>158</sup> Exod. 20:5,6

<sup>159</sup> Ps. 45:11; Rev. 15:3,4

<sup>160</sup> Exod. 34:13,14

<sup>161</sup> 1 Cor. 10:20-22; Jer. 7:18-20; Ezek. 16:26,27;  
Deut. 32:16-20

<sup>162</sup> Hosea 2:2-4

<sup>163</sup> Deut. 5:29

## The Third Commandment

Question 111: Which is the third commandment? Answer: The third commandment is, You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.<sup>164</sup>

Question 112: What is required in the third commandment? Answer: The third commandment requires, That the name of God, his titles, attributes,<sup>165</sup> ordinances,<sup>166</sup> the word,<sup>167</sup> sacraments,<sup>168</sup> prayer,<sup>169</sup> oaths,<sup>170</sup> vows,<sup>171</sup> lots,<sup>172</sup> his works,<sup>173</sup> and whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought,<sup>174</sup> meditation,<sup>175</sup> word,<sup>176</sup> and writing;<sup>177</sup> by an holy profession,<sup>178</sup> and answerable conversation,<sup>179</sup> to the glory of God,<sup>180</sup> and the good of ourselves,<sup>181</sup> and others.<sup>182</sup>

Question 113: What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the third commandments are, the not using of God's name as is required;<sup>183</sup> and the abuse of it in an ignorant,<sup>184</sup> vain,<sup>185</sup> irreverent, profane,<sup>186</sup> superstitious,<sup>187</sup> or wicked mentioning, or otherwise using his titles, attributes,<sup>188</sup> ordinances,<sup>189</sup> or works,<sup>190</sup> by blasphemy,<sup>191</sup> perjury;<sup>192</sup> all sinful cursings,<sup>193</sup> oaths,<sup>194</sup> vows,<sup>195</sup> and lots;<sup>196</sup> violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful;<sup>197</sup> and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful;<sup>198</sup> murmuring and quarrelling at,<sup>199</sup> curious prying into,<sup>200</sup> and misapplying of God's decrees<sup>201</sup> and providences,<sup>202</sup> misinterpreting,<sup>203</sup> misapplying,<sup>204</sup> or any way perverting the word, or any part of it,<sup>205</sup> to profane jests,<sup>206</sup> curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines;<sup>207</sup> abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms,<sup>208</sup> or sinful

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<sup>164</sup> Exod. 20:7

<sup>165</sup> Matt. 6:9; Deut. 28:58; Ps. 29:2; Ps. 68:4; Rev. 15:3,4

<sup>166</sup> Mal. 1:14; Eccl. 5:1

<sup>167</sup> Ps. 138:2

<sup>168</sup> 1 Cor. 11:24,25,28,29

<sup>169</sup> 1 Tim. 2:8

<sup>170</sup> Jer. 4:2

<sup>171</sup> Eccl. 5:2,4,5,6

<sup>172</sup> Acts 1:24,26

<sup>173</sup> Job 36:24

<sup>174</sup> Mal. 3:16

<sup>175</sup> Ps. 8:1,3,4,9

<sup>176</sup> Col. 3:17; Ps. 105:2,5

<sup>177</sup> Ps. 102:18

<sup>178</sup> 1 Pet. 3:15; Micah 4:5

<sup>179</sup> Phil. 1:27

<sup>180</sup> 1 Cor. 10:31

<sup>181</sup> Jer. 32:39

<sup>182</sup> 1 Pet. 2:12

<sup>183</sup> Mal. 2:2

<sup>184</sup> Acts 17:23

<sup>185</sup> Prov. 30:9

<sup>186</sup> Mal. 1:6,7,12; Mal. 3:14

<sup>187</sup> 1 Sam. 4:3,4,5; Jer. 7:4,9,10,14,31; Col. 2:20-22

<sup>188</sup> 2 Kings 18:30,35; Exod. 5:2; Ps. 139:20

<sup>189</sup> Ps. 50:16,17

<sup>190</sup> Isa. 5:12

<sup>191</sup> 2 Kings 19:22; Lev. 24:11

<sup>192</sup> Zech. 5:4; Zech. 8:17

<sup>193</sup> 1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 16:5

<sup>194</sup> Jer. 5:7; Jer. 23:10

<sup>195</sup> Deut. 23:18; Acts 23:12,14

<sup>196</sup> Esth. 3:7; Esth. 9:24; Ps. 22:18

<sup>197</sup> Ps. 24:4; Ezek. 17:16,18,19

<sup>198</sup> Mark 6:26; 1 Sam. 25:22,32,33,34

<sup>199</sup> Rom. 9:14,19,20

<sup>200</sup> Deut. 29:29

<sup>201</sup> Rom. 3:5,7; Rom. 6:1,2

<sup>202</sup> Eccl. 8:11; Eccl. 9:3; Ps. 39 throughout

<sup>203</sup> Matt. 5:21 to end

<sup>204</sup> Ezek. 13:22

<sup>205</sup> 2 Pet. 3:16; Matt. 22:24-31

<sup>206</sup> Isa. 32:13; Jer. 33:34,36,38

<sup>207</sup> 1 Tim. 1:4,6,7; 1 Tim. 6:4,5,20; 2 Tim. 2:14; Tit. 3:9

<sup>208</sup> Deut. 18:10-14

lusts and practices;<sup>209</sup> the maligning,<sup>210</sup> scorning,<sup>211</sup> reviling,<sup>212</sup> or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways;<sup>213</sup> making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends;<sup>214</sup> being ashamed of it,<sup>215</sup> or a shame to it, by unconformable,<sup>216</sup> unwise,<sup>217</sup> unfruitful,<sup>218</sup> and offensive walking,<sup>219</sup> or backsliding from it.<sup>220</sup>

Question 114: What reasons are annexed to the third commandment? Answer: The reasons annexed to the third commandment, in these words, [The Lord your God], and, [For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain],<sup>221</sup> are because he is the Lord and our God, therefore his name is not to be profaned, or any way abused by us;<sup>222</sup> especially because he will be so far from acquitting and sparing the transgressors of this commandment, as that he will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment,<sup>223</sup> albeit many such escape the censures and punishments of men.<sup>224</sup>

## The Fourth Commandment

Question 115: Which is the fourth commandment? Answer: The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.<sup>225</sup>

Question 116: What is required in the fourth commandment? Answer: The fourth commandment requires of all men the sanctifying or keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his word, expressly one whole day in seven; which was the seventh from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, and the first day of the week ever since, and so to continue to the end of the world; which is the Christian Sabbath,<sup>226</sup> and in the New Testament called The Lord's day.<sup>227</sup>

Question 117: How is the Sabbath or the Lord's day to be sanctified? Answer: The Sabbath or Lord's day is to be sanctified by an holy resting all the day,<sup>228</sup> not only from such works as are at

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<sup>209</sup> 2 Tim. 4:3,4; Rom. 13:13,14; 1 Kings 21:9,10;  
Jude 4

<sup>210</sup> Acts 13:45; 1 John 3:12

<sup>211</sup> Ps. 1:1; 2 Pet. 3:3

<sup>212</sup> 1 Pet. 4:4

<sup>213</sup> Acts 13:45,46,50; Acts 4:18; Acts 19:9; 1 Thess.  
2:16; Heb. 10:29

<sup>214</sup> 2 Tim. 3:5; Matt. 23:14; Matt. 6:1,2,5,16

<sup>215</sup> Mark. 8:38

<sup>216</sup> Ps. 73:14,15

<sup>217</sup> 1 Cor. 6:5,6; Eph. 5:15,16,17

<sup>218</sup> Isa. 5:4; 2 Pet. 1:8

<sup>219</sup> Rom. 2:23,24

<sup>220</sup> Gal. 3:1,3; Heb. 6:6

<sup>221</sup> Exod. 20:7

<sup>222</sup> Lev. 19:12

<sup>223</sup> Ezek. 36:21,22,23; Deut. 28:58,59; Zech. 5:2,3,4

<sup>224</sup> 1 Sam. 2:12,17,22,24; 1 Sam. 3:13

<sup>225</sup> Exod. 20:8-11

<sup>226</sup> Deut. 5:12-14; Gen. 2:2,3; 1 Cor. 16:1,2; Acts  
20:7; Matt. 5:17,18; Isa. 56:2,4,6,7

<sup>227</sup> Rev. 1:10

<sup>228</sup> Exod. 20:8,10



all times sinful, but even from such worldly employments and recreations as are on other days lawful;<sup>229</sup> and making it our delight to spend the whole time (except so much of it as is to be taken up in works of necessity and mercy)<sup>230</sup> in the public and private exercises of God's worship;<sup>231</sup> and, to that end, we are to prepare our hearts, and with such foresight, diligence, and moderation, to dispose and seasonably dispatch our worldly business, that we may be the more free and fit for the duties of that day.<sup>232</sup>

Question 118: Why is the charge of keeping the Sabbath more specially directed to governors of families, and other superiors? Answer: The charge of keeping the Sabbath is more specially directed to governors of families, and other superiors, because they are bound not only to keep it themselves but to see that it is observed by all those that are under their charge; and because they are prone often times to hinder them by employments of their own.<sup>233</sup>

Question 119: What are the sins forbidden in the fourth commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the fourth commandment are, all omissions of the duties required,<sup>234</sup> all careless, negligent, and unprofitable performing of them, and being weary of them;<sup>235</sup> all profaning the day by idleness, and doing that which is in itself sinful;<sup>236</sup> and by all needless works, words, and thoughts, about our worldly employments and recreations.<sup>237</sup>

Question 120: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment, the more to enforce it? Answer: The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment, the more to enforce it, are taken from the equity of it, God allowing us six days of seven for our own affairs, and reserving but one for himself, in these words, Six days shall you labor, and do all your work:<sup>238</sup> from God's challenging a special propriety in that day, The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God:<sup>239</sup> from the example of God, who in six days made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: and from that blessing which God put upon that day, not only in sanctifying it to be a day for his service, but in ordaining it to be a means of blessing to use in our sanctifying it, Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.<sup>240</sup>

Question 121: Why is the word Remember set in the beginning of the fourth commandment? Answer: The word Remember is set in the beginning of the fourth commandment,<sup>241</sup> partly, because of the great benefit of remembering it, we being thereby helped in our preparation to keep it,<sup>242</sup> and, in keeping it, better to keep all the rest of the commandments,<sup>243</sup> and to continue a thankful remembrance of the two great benefits of creation and redemption, which contain a

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<sup>229</sup> Exod. 16:25-28; Neh. 13:15-22; Jer. 17:21,22

<sup>230</sup> Matt. 12:1-13

<sup>231</sup> Isa. 58:13; Luke 4:16; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1,2; Ps. 92:(title); Isa. 66:23; Lev. 23:3

<sup>232</sup> Exod. 20:8; Luke 23:54,56; Exod. 16:22,25,26,29; Neh. 13:19

<sup>233</sup> Exod. 20:10; Josh. 24:15; Neh. 13:15,17; Jer. 17:20,21,22; Exod. 23:12

<sup>234</sup> Ezek. 22:26

<sup>235</sup> Acts 20:7,9; Ezek. 33:30-32; Amos 8:5; Mal. 1:13

<sup>236</sup> Ezek. 23:38

<sup>237</sup> Jer. 17:24,27; Isa. 58:13

<sup>238</sup> Exod. 20:9

<sup>239</sup> Exod. 20:10

<sup>240</sup> Exod. 20:11

<sup>241</sup> Exod. 20:8

<sup>242</sup> Exod. 16:23; Luke 23:54,56 with Mark 15:42; Neh. 13:19

<sup>243</sup> Ps. 92:(title) compared with Ps. 92:13,14; Ezek. 20:12,19,20

short abridgment of religion;<sup>244</sup> and partly, because we are very ready to forget it,<sup>245</sup> for that there is less light of nature for it,<sup>246</sup> and yet it restrains our natural liberty in things at other times lawful;<sup>247</sup> that it comes but once in seven days, and many worldly businesses come between, and too often take off our minds from thinking of it, either to prepare for it, or to sanctify it;<sup>248</sup> and that Satan with his instruments much labors to blot out the glory, and even the memory of it, to bring in all irreligion and impiety.<sup>249</sup>

## The Fifth Commandment

Question 122: What is the sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man?

Answer: The sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man, is, to love our neighbor as ourselves,<sup>250</sup> and to do to others what we would have them to do to us.<sup>251</sup>

Question 123: Which is the fifth commandment? Answer: The fifth commandment is, Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.<sup>252</sup>

Question 124: Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment? Answer: By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant, not only natural parents,<sup>253</sup> but all superiors in age,<sup>254</sup> and gifts;<sup>255</sup> and especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family,<sup>256</sup> church,<sup>257</sup> or commonwealth.<sup>258</sup>

Question 125: Why are superiors styled Father and Mother? Answer: Superiors are styled Father and Mother, both to teach them in all duties towards their inferiors, like natural parents, to express love and tenderness to them, according to their several relations;<sup>259</sup> and to work inferiors to a greater willingness and cheerfulness in performing their duties to their superiors, as to their parents.<sup>260</sup>

Question 126: What is the general scope of the fifth commandment? Answer: The general scope of the fifth commandment is, the performance of those duties which we mutually owe in our several relations, as inferiors, superiors, or equals.<sup>261</sup>

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<sup>244</sup> Gen. 2:2,3; Ps. 118:22,24; Acts 4:10,11; Rev. 1:10

<sup>245</sup> Ezek. 22:26

<sup>246</sup> Neh. 9:14

<sup>247</sup> Exod. 34:21

<sup>248</sup> Deut. 5:14,15; Amos 8:5

<sup>249</sup> Lam. 1:7; Jer. 17:21,22,23; Neh. 13:15-23

<sup>250</sup> Matt. 22:39

<sup>251</sup> Matt. 7:12

<sup>252</sup> Exod. 20:12

<sup>253</sup> Prov. 23:22,25; Eph. 6:1,2

<sup>254</sup> 1 Tim. 5:1,2

<sup>255</sup> Gen. 4:20-22; Gen. 45:8

<sup>256</sup> 2 Kings 5:13

<sup>257</sup> 2 Kings 2:12; 2 Kings 13:14; Gal. 4:19

<sup>258</sup> Isa. 49:23

<sup>259</sup> Eph. 6:4; 2 Cor. 12:14; 1 Thess. 2:7,8,11; Numb. 11:11,12

<sup>260</sup> 1 Cor. 4:14,15,16; 2 Kings 5:13

<sup>261</sup> Eph. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:17; Rom. 12:10

Question 127: What is the honor that inferiors owe to their superiors? Answer: The honor which inferiors owe to their superiors is, all due reverence in heart,<sup>262</sup> word,<sup>263</sup> and behavior;<sup>264</sup> prayer and thanksgiving for them;<sup>265</sup> imitation of their virtues and graces;<sup>266</sup> willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels,<sup>267</sup> due submission to their corrections;<sup>268</sup> fidelity to,<sup>269</sup> defense,<sup>270</sup> and maintenance of their persons and authority according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places;<sup>271</sup> bearing with their infirmities, and covering them in love,<sup>272</sup> that so they may be an honor to them and to their government.<sup>273</sup>

Question 128: What are the sins of inferiors against their superiors? Answer: The sins of inferiors against their superiors are, all neglect of the duties required toward them;<sup>274</sup> envying at,<sup>275</sup> contempt of,<sup>276</sup> and rebellion<sup>277</sup> against, their persons<sup>278</sup> and places,<sup>279</sup> in their lawful counsels,<sup>280</sup> commands, and corrections;<sup>281</sup> cursing, mocking,<sup>282</sup> and all such refractory and scandalous carriage, as proves a shame and dishonor to them and their government.<sup>283</sup>

Question 129: What is required of superiors towards their inferiors? Answer: It is required of superiors according to that power they receive from God, and that relation wherein they stand, to love,<sup>284</sup> pray for,<sup>285</sup> and bless their inferiors,<sup>286</sup> to instruct,<sup>287</sup> counsel, and admonish them;<sup>288</sup> countenancing,<sup>289</sup> commending,<sup>290</sup> and rewarding such as do well;<sup>291</sup> and discountenancing,<sup>292</sup> reproving, and chastising such as do ill;<sup>293</sup> protecting,<sup>294</sup> and providing for them all things necessary for soul<sup>295</sup> and body;<sup>296</sup> and by grave, wise, holy, and exemplary carriage, to procure glory to God,<sup>297</sup> honor to themselves,<sup>298</sup> and so to preserve that authority which God has put upon them.<sup>299</sup>

Question 130: What are the sins of superiors? Answer: The sins of superiors are, besides the neglect of the duties required of them,<sup>300</sup> an inordinate seeking of themselves,<sup>301</sup> their own

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<sup>262</sup> Mal. 1:6; Lev. 19:3

<sup>263</sup> Prov. 31:28; 1 Pet. 3:6

<sup>264</sup> Lev. 19:32; 1 Kings 2:19

<sup>265</sup> 1 Tim. 2:1,2

<sup>266</sup> Heb. 13:7; Phil. 3:17

<sup>267</sup> Eph. 6:1,2,5,6,7; 1 Pet. 2:13,14; Rom. 13:1-5; Heb. 13:17; Prov. 4:3,4; Prov. 23:22; Exod. 18:19,24

<sup>268</sup> Heb. 12:9; 1 Pet. 2:18,19,20

<sup>269</sup> Tit. 2:9,10

<sup>270</sup> 1 Sam. 26:15,16; 2 Sam. 18:3; Esther 6:2

<sup>271</sup> Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:6,7; 1 Tim. 5:17,18; Gal. 6:6; Gen. 45:11; Gen. 47:12

<sup>272</sup> 1 Pet. 2:18; Prov. 23:22; Gen. 9:23

<sup>273</sup> Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 31:23

<sup>274</sup> Matt. 15:4-6

<sup>275</sup> Numb. 11:28,29

<sup>276</sup> 1 Sam. 8:7; Isa. 3:5

<sup>277</sup> 2 Sam. 15:1-12

<sup>278</sup> Exod. 21:15

<sup>279</sup> 1 Sam. 10:27

<sup>280</sup> 1 Sam. 2:25

<sup>281</sup> Deut. 21:18-21

<sup>282</sup> Prov. 30:11,17

<sup>283</sup> Prov. 19:26

<sup>284</sup> Col. 3:19; Tit. 2:4

<sup>285</sup> 1 Sam. 12:23; Job 1:5

<sup>286</sup> 1 Kings 8:55,56; Heb. 7:7; Gen. 49:28

<sup>287</sup> Deut. 6:6,7

<sup>288</sup> Eph. 6:4

<sup>289</sup> 1 Pet. 3:7

<sup>290</sup> 1 Pet. 2:14; Rom. 13:3

<sup>291</sup> Esth. 6:3

<sup>292</sup> Rom. 13:3,4

<sup>293</sup> Prov. 29:15; 1 Pet. 2:14

<sup>294</sup> Job 29:12-17; Isa. 1:10,17

<sup>295</sup> Eph. 6:4

<sup>296</sup> 1 Tim. 5:8

<sup>297</sup> 1 Tim. 4:12; Tit. 2:3-5

<sup>298</sup> 1 Kings 3:28

<sup>299</sup> Tit. 2:15

<sup>300</sup> Ezek. 34:2-4

<sup>301</sup> Phil. 2:21

glory,<sup>302</sup> ease, profit, or pleasure,<sup>303</sup> commanding things unlawful,<sup>304</sup> or not in the power of inferiors to perform;<sup>305</sup> counselling,<sup>306</sup> encouraging,<sup>307</sup> or favoring them in that which is evil;<sup>308</sup> dissuading, discouraging, or discountenancing them in that which is good;<sup>309</sup> correcting them unduly;<sup>310</sup> careless exposing, or leaving them to wrong, temptation, and danger;<sup>311</sup> provoking them to wrath;<sup>312</sup> or any way dishonoring themselves, or lessening their authority, by an unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or remiss behavior.<sup>313</sup>

Question 131: What are the duties of equals? Answer: The duties of equals are, to regard the dignity and worth of each other,<sup>314</sup> in giving honor to go one before another;<sup>315</sup> and to rejoice in each others gifts and advancement, as their own.<sup>316</sup>

Question 132: What are the sins of equals? Answer: The sins of equals are, besides the neglect of the duties required,<sup>317</sup> the undervaluing of the worth,<sup>318</sup> envying the gifts,<sup>319</sup> grieving at the advancement of prosperity one of another;<sup>320</sup> and usurping pre-eminence one over another.<sup>321</sup>

Question 133: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment, the more to enforce it? Answer: The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, in these words, That your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you,<sup>322</sup> is an express promise of long life and prosperity, as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good, to all such as keep this commandment.<sup>323</sup>

## The Sixth Commandment

Question 134: Which is the sixth commandment? Answer: The sixth commandment is, You shall not kill.<sup>324</sup>

Question 135: What are the duties required in the sixth commandment? Answer: The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves<sup>325</sup> and others<sup>326</sup> by resisting all thoughts and purposes,<sup>327</sup> subduing all passions,<sup>328</sup> and avoiding all occasions,<sup>329</sup> temptations,<sup>330</sup> and practices, which tend to the unjust

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<sup>302</sup> John 5:44; John 7:18

<sup>303</sup> Isa. 56:10,11; Deut. 17:17

<sup>304</sup> Dan. 3:4-6; Acts 4:17,18

<sup>305</sup> Exod. 5:10-18; Matt. 23:2,4

<sup>306</sup> Matt. 14:8 compared with Mark 6:24

<sup>307</sup> 2 Sam. 13:28

<sup>308</sup> 1 Sam. 3:13

<sup>309</sup> John 7:46-49; Col. 3:21; Exod. 5:17

<sup>310</sup> 1 Pet. 2:18-20; Heb. 12:10; Deut. 25:3

<sup>311</sup> Gen. 38:11,26; Acts 18:17

<sup>312</sup> Eph. 6:4

<sup>313</sup> Gen. 9:21; 1 Kings 12:13-16; 1 Kings 1:6; 1 Sam. 2:29-31

<sup>314</sup> 1 Pet. 2:17

<sup>315</sup> Rom. 12:10

<sup>316</sup> Rom. 12:15,16; Phil. 2:3,4

<sup>317</sup> Rom. 13:8

<sup>318</sup> 2 Tim. 3:3

<sup>319</sup> Acts 7:9; Gal. 5:26

<sup>320</sup> Numb. 12:2; Esth. 6:12,13

<sup>321</sup> 3 John 9; Luke 22:24

<sup>322</sup> Exod. 20:12

<sup>323</sup> Deut. 5:16; 1 Kings 8:25; Eph. 6:2,3

<sup>324</sup> Exod. 20:13

<sup>325</sup> Eph. 5:28,29

<sup>326</sup> 1 Kings 18:4

<sup>327</sup> Jer. 26:15,16; Acts 23:12,16,17,21,27

<sup>328</sup> Eph. 4:26,27

<sup>329</sup> 2 Sam. 2:22; Deut. 22:8

<sup>330</sup> Matt. 4:6,7; Prov. 1:10,11,15,16

taking away the life of any;<sup>331</sup> by just defense thereof against violence,<sup>332</sup> patient bearing of the hand of God,<sup>333</sup> quietness of mind,<sup>334</sup> cheerfulness of spirit,<sup>335</sup> a sober use of meat [= food],<sup>336</sup> drink,<sup>337</sup> physic,<sup>338</sup> sleep,<sup>339</sup> labor,<sup>340</sup> and recreations;<sup>341</sup> by charitable thoughts,<sup>342</sup> love,<sup>343</sup> compassion,<sup>344</sup> meekness, gentleness,<sup>345</sup> kindness; peaceable,<sup>346</sup> mild and courteous speeches and behavior;<sup>347</sup> forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil;<sup>348</sup> comforting and succoring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.<sup>349</sup>

Question 136: What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves,<sup>350</sup> or of others,<sup>351</sup> except in case of public justice,<sup>352</sup> lawful war,<sup>353</sup> or necessary defense;<sup>354</sup> the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life,<sup>355</sup> sinful anger,<sup>356</sup> hatred,<sup>357</sup> envy,<sup>358</sup> desire of revenge;<sup>359</sup> all excessive passions,<sup>360</sup> distracting cares;<sup>361</sup> immoderate use of meat [= food], drink,<sup>362</sup> labor,<sup>363</sup> and recreations;<sup>364</sup> provoking words,<sup>365</sup> oppression,<sup>366</sup> quarrelling,<sup>367</sup> striking, wounding,<sup>368</sup> and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.<sup>369</sup>

## The Seventh Commandment

Question 137: Which is the seventh commandment? Answer: The seventh commandment is, You shall not commit adultery.<sup>370</sup>

Question 138: What are the duties required in the seventh commandment? Answer: The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections,<sup>371</sup> words,<sup>372</sup> and

<sup>331</sup> 1 Sam. 24:12; 1 Sam. 26:9-11; Gen. 37:21,22

<sup>332</sup> Ps. 82:4; Prov. 24:11,12; 1 Sam. 14:45

<sup>333</sup> James 5:7-11; Heb. 12:9

<sup>334</sup> 1 Thess. 4:11; 1 Pet. 3:3,4; Ps. 37:8-11

<sup>335</sup> Prov. 17:22

<sup>336</sup> Prov. 25:16,27

<sup>337</sup> 1 Tim. 5:23

<sup>338</sup> Isa. 38:21

<sup>339</sup> Ps. 127:2

<sup>340</sup> Eccl. 5:12; 2 Thess. 3:10,12; Prov. 16:26

<sup>341</sup> Eccl. 3:4,11

<sup>342</sup> 1 Sam. 19:4,5; 1 Sam. 22:13,14

<sup>343</sup> Rom. 13:10

<sup>344</sup> Luke 10:33,34

<sup>345</sup> Col. 3:12,13

<sup>346</sup> James 3:17

<sup>347</sup> 1 Pet. 3:8-11; Prov. 15:1; Judges 8:1-3

<sup>348</sup> Matt. 5:24; Eph. 4:2,32; Rom. 12:17,20,21

<sup>349</sup> 1 Thess. 5:14; Job 31:19,20; Matt. 25:35,36; Prov. 31:8,9

<sup>350</sup> Acts 16:28

<sup>351</sup> Gen. 9:6

<sup>352</sup> Numb. 35:31,33

<sup>353</sup> Jer. 48:10; Deut. 20 throughout

<sup>354</sup> Exod. 22:2,3

<sup>355</sup> Matt. 25:42,43; James 2:15,16; Eccl. 6:1,2

<sup>356</sup> Matt. 5:22

<sup>357</sup> 1 John 3:15; Lev. 19:17

<sup>358</sup> Prov. 14:30

<sup>359</sup> Rom. 12:19

<sup>360</sup> Eph. 4:31

<sup>361</sup> Matt. 6:31,34

<sup>362</sup> Luke 21:34; Rom. 13:13

<sup>363</sup> Eccl. 12:12; Eccl. 2:22,23

<sup>364</sup> Isa. 5:12

<sup>365</sup> Prov. 15:1; Prov. 12:18

<sup>366</sup> Ezek. 18:18; Exod. 1:14

<sup>367</sup> Gal. 5:15; Prov. 23:29

<sup>368</sup> Numb. 35:16,17,18,21

<sup>369</sup> Exod. 21:18 to end

<sup>370</sup> Exod. 20:14

<sup>371</sup> 1 Thess. 4:4; Job. 31:1; 1 Cor. 7:34

<sup>372</sup> Col. 4:6

behavior;<sup>373</sup> and the preservation of it in ourselves and others;<sup>374</sup> watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses;<sup>375</sup> temperance,<sup>376</sup> keeping of chaste company,<sup>377</sup> modesty in apparel,<sup>378</sup> marriage by those that have not the gift of continence;<sup>379</sup> conjugal love,<sup>380</sup> and cohabitation;<sup>381</sup> diligent labor in our callings;<sup>382</sup> shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.<sup>383</sup>

Question 139: What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required,<sup>384</sup> are adultery, fornication,<sup>385</sup> rape, incest,<sup>386</sup> sodomy, and all unnatural lusts;<sup>387</sup> all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections;<sup>388</sup> all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto;<sup>389</sup> wanton looks,<sup>390</sup> impudent or light behavior, immodest apparel;<sup>391</sup> prohibiting of lawful,<sup>392</sup> and dispensing with [= permitting] unlawful marriages;<sup>393</sup> allowing, tolerating, keeping of stews [houses of prostitution], and resorting to them;<sup>394</sup> entangling vows of single life,<sup>395</sup> undue delay of marriage;<sup>396</sup> having more wives or husbands than one at the same time;<sup>397</sup> unjust divorce,<sup>398</sup> or desertion;<sup>399</sup> idleness, gluttony, drunkenness,<sup>400</sup> unchaste company,<sup>401</sup> lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancings, stage plays;<sup>402</sup> and all other provocations to, or acts of uncleanness, either in ourselves or others.<sup>403</sup>

## The Eighth Commandment

Question 140: Which is the eighth commandment? Answer: The eighth commandment is, You shall not steal.<sup>404</sup>

Question 141: What are the duties required in the eighth commandment? Answer: The duties required in the eighth commandment are, truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce between man and man,<sup>405</sup> rendering to everyone his due;<sup>406</sup> restitution of goods unlawfully detained from the right owners thereof;<sup>407</sup> giving and lending freely, according to our

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<sup>373</sup> 1 Pet. 2:3

<sup>374</sup> 1 Cor. 7:2,35,36

<sup>375</sup> Job. 31:1

<sup>376</sup> Acts 24:24,25

<sup>377</sup> Prov. 2:16-20

<sup>378</sup> 1 Tim. 2:9

<sup>379</sup> 1 Cor. 7:2,9

<sup>380</sup> Prov. 5:19,20

<sup>381</sup> 1 Pet. 3:7

<sup>382</sup> Prov. 31:11,27,28

<sup>383</sup> Prov. 5:8; Gen. 39:8-10

<sup>384</sup> Prov. 5:7

<sup>385</sup> Heb. 13:4; Gal. 5:19

<sup>386</sup> 2 Sam. 13:14; 1 Cor. 5:1

<sup>387</sup> Rom. 1:24,27; Lev. 20:15,16

<sup>388</sup> Matt. 5:28; Matt. 15:19; Col. 3:5

<sup>389</sup> Eph. 5:3,4; Prov. 7:5,21,22

<sup>390</sup> Isa. 3:16; 2 Pet. 2:14

<sup>391</sup> Prov. 7:10,13

<sup>392</sup> 1 Tim. 4:3

<sup>393</sup> Lev. 18:1-21; Mal. 2:11,12

<sup>394</sup> 1 Kings 15:12; 2 Kings 23:7; Deut. 23:17,18; Lev. 19:29; Jer. 5:7; Prov. 7:24-27

<sup>395</sup> Matt. 19:10,11

<sup>396</sup> 1 Cor. 7:7-9; Gen. 38:26

<sup>397</sup> Mal. 2:14,15; Matt. 19:5

<sup>398</sup> Mal. 2:16; Matt. 5:32

<sup>399</sup> 1 Cor. 7:12,13

<sup>400</sup> Ezek. 16:49; Prov. 23:30-33

<sup>401</sup> Gen. 39:10

<sup>402</sup> Eph. 5:4; Ezek. 23:14-16; Isa. 23:15-17; Isa. 3:16; Mark 6:22; Rom. 13:13; 1 Pet. 4:3

<sup>403</sup> 2 Kings 9:30 with Jer. 4:30 and Ezek. 23:40

<sup>404</sup> Exod. 20:15

<sup>405</sup> Ps. 15:2,4; Zech. 7:4,10; Zech. 8:16,17

<sup>406</sup> Rom. 13:7

<sup>407</sup> Lev. 6:2-5 with Luke 19:8

abilities, and the necessities of others;<sup>408</sup> moderation of our judgments, wills and affections concerning worldly goods;<sup>409</sup> a provident care and study to get,<sup>410</sup> keep, use, and dispose these things which are necessary and convenient for the sustentation of our nature, and suitable to our condition;<sup>411</sup> a lawful calling,<sup>412</sup> and diligence in it;<sup>413</sup> frugality,<sup>414</sup> avoiding unnecessary lawsuits,<sup>415</sup> and suretyship, or other like engagements;<sup>416</sup> and an endeavor, by all just and lawful means, to procure, preserve, and further the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own.<sup>417</sup>

Question 142: What are the sins forbidden in the eighth commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the eighth commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required,<sup>418</sup> are, theft,<sup>419</sup> robbery,<sup>420</sup> man-stealing,<sup>421</sup> and receiving anything that is stolen;<sup>422</sup> fraudulent dealing,<sup>423</sup> false weights and measures,<sup>424</sup> removing land-marks,<sup>425</sup> injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts between man and man,<sup>426</sup> or in matters of trust;<sup>427</sup> oppression,<sup>428</sup> extortion,<sup>429</sup> usury,<sup>430</sup> bribery,<sup>431</sup> vexatious lawsuits,<sup>432</sup> unjust enclosures and depopulations;<sup>433</sup> engrossing commodities to enhance the price,<sup>434</sup> unlawful callings,<sup>435</sup> and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking or withholding from our neighbor what belongs to him, or of enriching ourselves;<sup>436</sup> covetousness;<sup>437</sup> inordinate prizing and affecting worldly goods; distrustful and distracting cares and studies in getting, keeping, and using them;<sup>438</sup> envying at the prosperity of others;<sup>439</sup> as likewise idleness,<sup>440</sup> prodigality, wasteful gaming; and all other ways whereby we do unduly prejudice our own outward estate,<sup>441</sup> and defrauding ourselves of the due use and comfort of that estate which God has given us.<sup>442</sup>

## The Ninth Commandment

Question 143: Which is the ninth commandment? Answer: The ninth commandment is, You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.<sup>443</sup>

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<sup>408</sup> Luke 6:30,38; 1 John 3:17; Eph. 4:28; Gal. 6:10

<sup>409</sup> 1 Tim. 6:6,7,9; Gal. 6:14

<sup>410</sup> 1 Tim. 5:8

<sup>411</sup> Prov. 27:23 to end; Eccl. 2:24; Eccl. 3:12; 1 Tim. 6:17,18; Isa. 38:1; Matt. 11:8

<sup>412</sup> 1 Cor. 7:20; Gen. 2:15; Gen. 3:19

<sup>413</sup> Eph. 4:28; Prov. 10:4

<sup>414</sup> John 6:12; Prov. 21:20

<sup>415</sup> 1 Cor. 6:1-9

<sup>416</sup> Prov. 6:1-6; Prov. 11:15

<sup>417</sup> Lev. 25:35; Deut. 22:1-4; Exod. 23:4,5; Gen. 47:14,20; Phil. 2:4; Matt. 22:39

<sup>418</sup> James 2:15,16; 1 John 3:17

<sup>419</sup> Eph. 4:28

<sup>420</sup> Ps. 62:10

<sup>421</sup> 1 Tim. 1:10

<sup>422</sup> Prov. 29:24; Ps. 1:18

<sup>423</sup> 1 Thess. 4:6

<sup>424</sup> Prov. 11:1; Prov. 20:10

<sup>425</sup> Deut. 19:14; Prov. 23:10

<sup>426</sup> Amos 8:5; Ps. 37:21

<sup>427</sup> Luke 16:10-12

<sup>428</sup> Ezek. 22:29; Lev. 25:17

<sup>429</sup> Matt. 23:25; Ezek. 22:12

<sup>430</sup> Ps. 15:5

<sup>431</sup> Job 15:34

<sup>432</sup> 1 Cor. 6:6-8; Prov. 3:29,30

<sup>433</sup> Isa. 5:8; Micah 2:2

<sup>434</sup> Prov. 11:26

<sup>435</sup> Acts 19:19,24,25

<sup>436</sup> Job 20:19; James 5:4; Prov. 21:6

<sup>437</sup> Luke 12:15

<sup>438</sup> Matt. 6:25,31,34; Eccl. 5:12

<sup>439</sup> Ps. 73:3; Ps. 37:1,7

<sup>440</sup> 2 Thess. 3:11; Prov. 18:9

<sup>441</sup> Prov. 21:17,21; Prov. 28:19

<sup>442</sup> Eccl. 4:8; Eccl. 6:2; 1 Tim. 5:8

<sup>443</sup> Exod. 20:16

Question 144: What are the duties required in the ninth commandment? Answer: The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man,<sup>444</sup> and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own;<sup>445</sup> appearing and standing for the truth,<sup>446</sup> and from the heart,<sup>447</sup> sincerely,<sup>448</sup> freely,<sup>449</sup> clearly,<sup>450</sup> and fully,<sup>451</sup> speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice,<sup>452</sup> and in all other things whatsoever;<sup>453</sup> a charitable esteem of our neighbors;<sup>454</sup> loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name;<sup>455</sup> sorrowing for,<sup>456</sup> and covering of their infirmities;<sup>457</sup> freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces,<sup>458</sup> defending their innocence;<sup>459</sup> a ready receiving of a good report,<sup>460</sup> and unwillingness to admit of an evil report,<sup>461</sup> concerning them; discouraging tale-bearers,<sup>462</sup> flatterers,<sup>463</sup> and slanderers;<sup>464</sup> love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requires;<sup>465</sup> keeping of lawful promises;<sup>466</sup> studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.<sup>467</sup>

Question 145: What are the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the ninth commandment are, all prejudicing the truth, and the good name of our neighbors, as well as our own,<sup>468</sup> especially in public judicature;<sup>469</sup> giving false evidence,<sup>470</sup> suborning false witnesses,<sup>471</sup> wittingly appearing and pleading for an evil cause, out-facing and overbearing the truth;<sup>472</sup> passing unjust sentence,<sup>473</sup> calling evil good, and good evil; rewarding the wicked according to the work of the righteous, and the righteous according to the work of the wicked;<sup>474</sup> forgery,<sup>475</sup> concealing the truth, undue silence in a just cause,<sup>476</sup> and holding our peace when iniquity calls for either a reproof from ourselves,<sup>477</sup> or complaint to others,<sup>478</sup> speaking the truth unseasonably,<sup>479</sup> or maliciously to a wrong end,<sup>480</sup> or perverting it to a wrong meaning,<sup>481</sup> or in doubtful and equivocal expressions, to the prejudice of truth or justice;<sup>482</sup> speaking untruth,<sup>483</sup> lying,<sup>484</sup> slandering,<sup>485</sup> backbiting,<sup>486</sup> detracting,<sup>487</sup> tale-bearing,<sup>488</sup>

<sup>444</sup> Zech. 8:16

<sup>445</sup> 3 John 12

<sup>446</sup> Prov. 31:8,9

<sup>447</sup> Ps. 15:2

<sup>448</sup> 2 Chron. 19:9

<sup>449</sup> 1 Sam. 19:4,5

<sup>450</sup> Josh. 7:19

<sup>451</sup> 2 Sam. 14:18-20

<sup>452</sup> Lev. 19:15; Prov. 14:5,25

<sup>453</sup> 2 Cor. 1:17,18; Eph. 4:25

<sup>454</sup> Heb. 6:9; 1 Cor. 13:7

<sup>455</sup> Rom. 1:8; 2 John 4; 3 John 3,4

<sup>456</sup> 2 Cor. 2:4; 2 Cor. 12:21

<sup>457</sup> Prov. 17:9; 1 Pet. 4:8

<sup>458</sup> 1 Cor. 1:4,5,7; 2 Tim. 1:4,5

<sup>459</sup> 1 Sam. 22:14

<sup>460</sup> 1 Cor. 13:6,7

<sup>461</sup> Ps. 15:3

<sup>462</sup> Prov. 25:23

<sup>463</sup> Prov. 26:24,25

<sup>464</sup> Ps. 101:5

<sup>465</sup> Prov. 22:1; John 8:49

<sup>466</sup> Ps. 15:4

<sup>467</sup> Phil. 4:8

<sup>468</sup> 1 Sam. 17:28; 2 Sam. 16:3; 2 Sam. 1:9,10,15,16

<sup>469</sup> Lev. 19:15; Hab. 1:4

<sup>470</sup> Prov. 19:5; Prov. 6:16,19

<sup>471</sup> Acts 6:13

<sup>472</sup> Jer. 9:3,5; Acts 24:2,5; Ps. 12:3,4; Ps. 52:1-4

<sup>473</sup> Prov. 17:15; 1 Kings 21:9-14

<sup>474</sup> Isa. 5:23

<sup>475</sup> Ps. 119:69; Luke 19:8; Luke 16:5,6,7

<sup>476</sup> Lev. 5:1; Deut. 13:8; Acts 5:3,8,9; 2 Tim. 4:6

<sup>477</sup> 1 Kings 1:6; Lev. 19:17

<sup>478</sup> Isa. 59:4

<sup>479</sup> Prov. 29:11

<sup>480</sup> 1 Sam. 22:9,10 compared with Ps. 52:1-5

<sup>481</sup> Ps. 56:5; John 2:19 compared with Matt. 26:60,61

<sup>482</sup> Gen. 3:5; Gen. 26:7,9

<sup>483</sup> Isa. 59:13

<sup>484</sup> Lev. 19:11; Col. 3:9

<sup>485</sup> Ps. 50:20

<sup>486</sup> Ps. 15:3

<sup>487</sup> James 4:11; Jer. 38:4

<sup>488</sup> Lev. 19:16



whispering,<sup>489</sup> scoffing,<sup>490</sup> reviling,<sup>491</sup> rash,<sup>492</sup> harsh,<sup>493</sup> and partial censuring;<sup>494</sup> misconstruing intentions, words, and actions;<sup>495</sup> flattering,<sup>496</sup> vain-glorious boasting,<sup>497</sup> thinking or speaking too highly or too meanly of ourselves or others;<sup>498</sup> denying the gifts and graces of God;<sup>499</sup> aggravating smaller faults;<sup>500</sup> hiding, excusing, or extenuating of sins, when called to a free confession;<sup>501</sup> unnecessary discovering of infirmities;<sup>502</sup> raising false rumors,<sup>503</sup> receiving and countenancing evil reports,<sup>504</sup> and stopping our ears against just defense;<sup>505</sup> evil suspicion;<sup>506</sup> envying or grieving at the deserved credit of any,<sup>507</sup> endeavoring or desiring to impair it,<sup>508</sup> rejoicing in their disgrace and infamy,<sup>509</sup> scornful contempt,<sup>510</sup> fond admiration;<sup>511</sup> breach of lawful promises;<sup>512</sup> neglecting such things as are of good report,<sup>513</sup> and practicing, or not avoiding ourselves, or not hindering what we can in others, such things as procure an ill name.<sup>514</sup>

## The Tenth Commandment

Question 146: Which is the tenth commandment? Answer: The tenth commandment is, You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's.<sup>515</sup>

Question 147: What are the duties required in the tenth commandment? Answer: The duties required in the tenth commandment are, such a full contentment with our own condition,<sup>516</sup> and such a charitable frame of the whole soul toward our neighbor, as that all our inward motions and affections touching him, tend unto, and further all that good which is his.<sup>517</sup>

Question 148: What are the sins forbidden in the tenth commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the tenth commandment are, discontentment with our own estate;<sup>518</sup> envying<sup>519</sup> and grieving at the good of our neighbor,<sup>520</sup> together with all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.<sup>521</sup>

<sup>489</sup> Rom. 1:29,30

<sup>490</sup> Gen. 21:9 compared with Gal. 4:29

<sup>491</sup> 1 Cor. 6:10

<sup>492</sup> Matt. 7:1

<sup>493</sup> Acts 28:4

<sup>494</sup> Gen. 38:24; Rom. 2:1

<sup>495</sup> Neh. 6:6-8; Rom. 3:8; Ps. 69:10; 1 Sam. 1:13-15; 2 Sam. 10:3

<sup>496</sup> Ps. 12:2,3

<sup>497</sup> 2 Tim. 3:2

<sup>498</sup> Luke 18:9,11; Rom. 12:16; 1 Cor. 4:6; Acts 12:22; Exod. 4:10-14

<sup>499</sup> Job 27:5,6; Job 4:6

<sup>500</sup> Matt. 7:3-5

<sup>501</sup> Prov. 28:13; Prov. 30:20; Gen. 3:12,13; Jer. 2:35; 2 Kings 5:25; Gen. 4:9

<sup>502</sup> Gen. 9:22; Prov. 25:9,10

<sup>503</sup> Exod. 23:1

<sup>504</sup> Prov. 29:12

<sup>505</sup> Acts 7:56,57; Job 31:13,14

<sup>506</sup> 1 Cor. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:4

<sup>507</sup> Numb. 11:29; Matt. 21:15

<sup>508</sup> Ezra 4:12,13

<sup>509</sup> Jer. 48:27

<sup>510</sup> Ps. 35:15,16,21; Matt. 27:28,29

<sup>511</sup> Jude 16; Acts 12:22

<sup>512</sup> Rom. 1:31; 2 Tim. 3:3

<sup>513</sup> 1 Sam. 2:24

<sup>514</sup> 2 Sam. 13:12,13; Prov. 5:8,9; Prov. 6:33

<sup>515</sup> Exod. 20:17

<sup>516</sup> Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:6

<sup>517</sup> Job 31:29; Rom. 12:15; Ps. 122:7-9; 1 Tim. 1:5; Esth. 10:3; 1 Cor. 13:4-7

<sup>518</sup> 1 Kings 21:4; Esth. 5:13; 1 Cor. 10:10

<sup>519</sup> Gal. 5:26; James 3:14,16

<sup>520</sup> Ps. 112:9,10; Neh. 2:10

<sup>521</sup> Rom. 7:7,8; Rom. 13:9; Col. 3:5; Deut. 5:21

## How the Moral Law Leads Sinners to Christ

Question 149: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God? Answer: No man is able, either of himself,<sup>522</sup> or by any grace received in this life, perfectly to keep the commandments of God,<sup>523</sup> but does daily break them in thought,<sup>524</sup> word,<sup>525</sup> and deed.<sup>526</sup>

Question 150: Are all transgressions of the law of God equally heinous in themselves, and in the sight of God? Answer: All transgressions of the law of God are not equally heinous, but some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.<sup>527</sup>

Question 151: What are those aggravations that make some sins more heinous than others?

Answer: Sins receive their aggravations

1. From the persons offending:<sup>528</sup> if they be of riper age,<sup>529</sup> greater experience or grace,<sup>530</sup> eminent for profession,<sup>531</sup> gifts,<sup>532</sup> place,<sup>533</sup> office,<sup>534</sup> guides to others,<sup>535</sup> and whose example is likely to be followed by others.<sup>536</sup>
2. From the parties offended:<sup>537</sup> if immediately against God,<sup>538</sup> his attributes,<sup>539</sup> and worship;<sup>540</sup> against Christ, and his grace;<sup>541</sup> the Holy Spirit,<sup>542</sup> his witness,<sup>543</sup> and workings;<sup>544</sup> against superiors, men of eminency,<sup>545</sup> and such as we stand especially related and engaged unto;<sup>546</sup> against any of the saints,<sup>547</sup> particularly weak brethren,<sup>548</sup> the souls of them, or any other,<sup>549</sup> and the common good of all or many.<sup>550</sup>
3. From the nature and quality of the offence:<sup>551</sup> if it be against the express letter of the law,<sup>552</sup> break many commandments, contain in it many sins:<sup>553</sup> if not only conceived in the heart, but breaks forth in words and actions,<sup>554</sup> scandalize others,<sup>555</sup> and admit of no reparation:<sup>556</sup> if against means,<sup>557</sup> mercies,<sup>558</sup> judgments,<sup>559</sup> light of nature,<sup>560</sup> conviction

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<sup>522</sup> James 3:2; John 15:5; Rom. 8:3

<sup>523</sup> Eccl. 7:20; 1 John 1:8,10; Gal. 5:17; Rom. 7:18,19

<sup>524</sup> Gen. 6:5; Gen. 8:21

<sup>525</sup> James 3:2-8

<sup>526</sup> Rom. 3:9-19; James 3:2-13

<sup>527</sup> John 19:11; Ezek. 8:6,13,15; 1 John 5:16; Ps. 78:17,32,56

<sup>528</sup> Jer. 2:8

<sup>529</sup> Job. 32:7,9; Eccl. 4:13

<sup>530</sup> 1 Kings 11:4,9

<sup>531</sup> 2 Sam. 12:14; 1 Cor. 5:1

<sup>532</sup> James 4:17; Luke 12:47,48

<sup>533</sup> Jer. 5:4,5

<sup>534</sup> 2 Sam. 12:7-9; Ezek. 8:11,12

<sup>535</sup> Rom. 2:17-24

<sup>536</sup> Gal. 2:11-14

<sup>537</sup> Matt. 21:38,39

<sup>538</sup> 1 Sam. 2:25; Acts 5:4; Ps. 51:4

<sup>539</sup> Rom. 2:4

<sup>540</sup> Mal. 1:8,14

<sup>541</sup> Heb. 2:2,3; Heb. 12:25

<sup>542</sup> Heb. 10:29; Matt. 12:31,32

<sup>543</sup> Eph. 4:30

<sup>544</sup> Heb. 6:4-6

<sup>545</sup> Jude 8; Numb. 12:8,9; Isa. 3:5

<sup>546</sup> Prov. 30:17; 2 Cor. 12:15; Ps. 55:12-15

<sup>547</sup> Zeph. 2:8,10,11; Matt. 18:6; 1 Cor. 6:8; Rev. 17:6

<sup>548</sup> 1 Cor. 8:11,12; Rom. 14:13,15,21

<sup>549</sup> Ezek. 13:19; 1 Cor. 8:12; Rev. 18:12,13; Matt. 23:15

<sup>550</sup> 1 Thess. 2:15,16; Josh. 22:20

<sup>551</sup> Prov. 6:30-33

<sup>552</sup> Ezra 9:10-12; 1 Kings 11:9,10

<sup>553</sup> Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:10; Prov. 5:8-12; Prov. 6:32,33; Josh. 7:21

<sup>554</sup> James 1:14,15; Matt. 5:22; Micah 2:1

<sup>555</sup> Matt. 18:7; Rom. 2:23,24

<sup>556</sup> Deut. 22:22,28,29; Prov. 6:32-35

<sup>557</sup> Matt. 11:21-24; John 15:22

<sup>558</sup> Isa. 1:3; Deut. 32:6

<sup>559</sup> Amos 4:8-11; Jer. 5:3

<sup>560</sup> Rom. 1:26,27

of consciousness,<sup>561</sup> public or private admonition,<sup>562</sup> censures of the church,<sup>563</sup> civil punishments;<sup>564</sup> and our prayers, purposes, promises,<sup>565</sup> vows,<sup>566</sup> covenants,<sup>567</sup> and engagements to God or men:<sup>568</sup> if done deliberately,<sup>569</sup> willfully,<sup>570</sup> presumptuously,<sup>571</sup> impudently,<sup>572</sup> boastingly,<sup>573</sup> maliciously,<sup>574</sup> frequently,<sup>575</sup> obstinately,<sup>576</sup> with delight,<sup>577</sup> continuance,<sup>578</sup> or relapsing after repentance.<sup>579</sup>

4. From circumstances of time<sup>580</sup> and place:<sup>581</sup> if on the Lord's day,<sup>582</sup> or other times of divine worship;<sup>583</sup> or immediately before<sup>584</sup> or after these,<sup>585</sup> or other helps to prevent or remedy such miscarriages:<sup>586</sup> if in public, or in the presence of others, who are thereby likely to be provoked or defiled.<sup>587</sup>

Question 152: What does every sin deserve at the hands of God? Answer: Every sin, even the least, being against the sovereignty,<sup>588</sup> goodness,<sup>589</sup> and holiness of God,<sup>590</sup> and against his righteous law,<sup>591</sup> deserves his wrath and curse,<sup>592</sup> both in this life,<sup>593</sup> and that which is to come;<sup>594</sup> and cannot be expiated but by the blood of Christ.<sup>595</sup>

Question 153: What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us by reason of the transgression of the law? Answer: That we may escape the wrath and curse of God due to us by reason of the transgression of the law, he requires of us repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>596</sup> and the diligent use of the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of his mediation.<sup>597</sup>

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<sup>561</sup> Rom. 1:32; Dan. 5:22; Tit. 3:10,11

<sup>562</sup> Prov. 29:1

<sup>563</sup> Tit. 3:10; Matt. 18:17

<sup>564</sup> Prov. 27:22; Prov. 23:35

<sup>565</sup> Ps. 78:34-37; Jer. 2:20; Jer. 42:5,6,20,21

<sup>566</sup> Eccl. 5:4-6; Prov. 20:25

<sup>567</sup> Lev. 26:25

<sup>568</sup> Prov. 2:17; Ezek. 17:18,19

<sup>569</sup> Ps. 36:4

<sup>570</sup> Jer. 6:16

<sup>571</sup> Numb. 15:30; Exod. 21:14

<sup>572</sup> Jer. 3:3; Prov. 7:13

<sup>573</sup> Ps. 52:1

<sup>574</sup> 3 John 10

<sup>575</sup> Numb 14:22

<sup>576</sup> Zech. 7:11,12

<sup>577</sup> Prov. 2:14

<sup>578</sup> Isa. 57:17

<sup>579</sup> Jer. 34:8-11; 2 Pet. 2:20-22

<sup>580</sup> 2 Kings 5:26

<sup>581</sup> Jer. 7:10; Isa. 26:10

<sup>582</sup> Ezek. 23:37-39

<sup>583</sup> Isa. 58:3-5; Numb. 25:6,7

<sup>584</sup> 1 Cor. 11:20,21

<sup>585</sup> Jer. 7:8-10; Prov. 7:14,15; John 13:27,30

<sup>586</sup> Ezra 9:13,14

<sup>587</sup> 2 Sam. 16:22; 1 Sam. 2:22-24

<sup>588</sup> James 2:10,11

<sup>589</sup> Exod. 20:1,2

<sup>590</sup> Hab. 1:13

<sup>591</sup> 1 John 3:4; Rom. 7:12

<sup>592</sup> Eph. 5:6; Gal. 3:10

<sup>593</sup> Lam. 3:39; Deut. 28:15 to end

<sup>594</sup> Matt. 25:41

<sup>595</sup> Heb. 9:22; 1 Pet. 1:18,19

<sup>596</sup> Acts 20:21; Matt. 3:7,8; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 16:30,31; John 3:16,18

<sup>597</sup> Prov. 2:1-5; Prov. 8:33-36