

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 3: Commandments

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

God's Will for Our Lives

20. At birth, what is wrong in our natural relationship with God?
Genesis 2:16-17, 3:6 John 3:6 Romans 5:12 Psalm 51:5

21. What are the results of our inborn sin?
Ephesians 2:1, 3 Romans 8:7 Matthew 15:19 Isaiah 59:2

22. How do we know that this description applies to us?
Romans 3:23 Romans 5:12 1 John 1:8

23. How do we come to the realization of our sin?
Romans 7:7 Romans 3:20

24. Why is the work of the law a blessing as it uncovers our sins?
1 John 1:9 Luke 13:3

25. Who alone kept God's law?
Romans 3:12 Hebrews 4:14-15 Hebrews 7:26

26. Why is it important to us that Jesus kept the law for us?
Galatians 4:4-5 2 Corinthians 5:21

Redeem:

Vicarious:

Atonement:

27. How has the result of Jesus's life and death turned our lives around?
*Romans 5:17 Ephesians 1:7 Ephesians 2:1, 3-5 1 John 1:7 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
Ephesians 4:22-24*

28. What is the result of having both the old Adam and the new self within us?
Galatians 5:17 Romans 7:18-23

29. How does the new self within us respond to the gift of forgiveness and eternal life that Jesus has earned for us? *Romans 12:1 2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

30. What blessings are ours as we obey his laws?
Psalms 19:7-8, 11 Psalm 119:14, 35, 45 Matthew 5:3-10

31. Why is God's law (the Ten Commandments) a blessing for us as we wish to show our gratitude to God for saving us? *Psalms 119:105*

Jonah 1-3

1. Notice how God brought Nineveh to repentance—through the words of his prophet. How has God shown you your sin?

2. How has he assured you of his love and forgiveness?

3. What Bible truths or passages have been most comforting to you when you have felt the guilt of your sin?

Recommended memory work: The books of the Bible