

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 4: No Other Gods

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.

Honor God above All Else

32. Why is it so important for us to know the true God?

John 17:3 Acts 4:12 1 Peter 3:12 John 16:23 Psalm 46:1 Psalm 67:1 Psalm 145:15-16

33. Who is the true God?

1 Corinthians 8:4 Isaiah 45:21 Matthew 28:19 2 Corinthians 13:14

34. What are some ways people dishonor the true God?

Psalm 14:1 Psalm 115:4 Isaiah 44:12-19

Atheists:

Agnostics:

35. What are some of the ways that we may be guilty of sinning against God by breaking this commandment?

a. *Matthew 6:24 Psalm 62:10 Proverbs 11:28 1 John 2:15 Matthew 10:37*

b. *Proverbs 3:5 Jeremiah 17:5*

c. *John 5:23 1 John 2:22-23*

36. In the explanation, he also tells us to fear God above all things. What does that mean? *Matthew 10:28 Ephesians 3:20-21 1 Samuel 12:24 Daniel 6:1-23*

37. How can we then hope that God will love us as his children, listen to our prayers, and someday take us to heaven? *Matthew 4:1-10 Romans 5:19*
38. How does God's Word serve as a guide for those of us who want to keep the first commandment? *Matthew 22:37 Psalm 73:25-26 Genesis 22:1-19 1 Samuel 17 1 Peter 5:6-7*

Daniel 3:1-18

1. Describe a situation where putting God first means you might lose something.
2. What Bible truths might comfort you in such a situation?
3. How does our culture lead us to put our trust in things other than God?

Further Reading: Exodus 32:1-24

4. How did the Israelites break the First Commandment? What caused them to do so?
5. In what ways are we like the Israelites in this account? In what ways are we different?
6. Agree or disagree: Anytime we sin, we are breaking the First Commandment.

Recommended memory work: The First Commandment