

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 7: Honor and Obey

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 Representatives

51. Who are the representatives God has placed over us?
Ephesians 6:1-2 Hebrews 13:7, 17 Romans 13:1 Colossians 3:22-23

52. How does God bless us through those he has placed over us...
 - a. ...in the home? *1 Timothy 5:8 Proverbs 1:1, 3, 8 Deuteronomy 11:18-19*

 - b. ...in the church? *Hebrews 13:7, 17*

 - c. ...in the government? *Romans 13:1, 3, 6 1 Peter 2:13-14*

53. How does God emphasize his desire to bless us through the people he has placed in positions of authority over us? *Ephesians 6:2-3*

54. In what different ways do we dishonor those God has placed over us?
Deuteronomy 21:18-21 Romans 13:2 Proverbs 30:11, 17 2 Timothy 3:1-2 2 Samuel 15:1-12; 18:14-17

55. What responsibility do God's representatives have toward those who break this commandment? *Proverbs 13:24 2 Timothy 4:2 Romans 13:2-4*

56. Why can we consider such discipline to be a blessing for us?
Proverbs 19:18 1 Samuel 3:11-14; 4:10-11 Matthew 18:15
57. What should we do if someone in authority asks us to do something that is wrong?
Daniel 6 Matthew 10:37 Acts 5:29
58. How can we be confident that our sins against the Fourth Commandment are forgiven?
1 Peter 2:22 Matthew 22:19-22 Luke 2:51 Ephesians 1:7
59. How does the Fourth Commandment serve as a guide to show us how to express our gratitude to God?
*Colossians 3:20 1 Timothy 5:4 Ephesians 6:7
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Hebrews 13:7, 17 Romans 13:7 Titus 3:1 Leviticus 19:32
Genesis 39:1-6*

1 Samuel 26:1-21

1. Why is it hard to avoid sin when someone in authority seems to treat you unfairly?

2. What are some ways we can overcome such evil with good?

For further discussion...

3. God could have said "Love your father and mother..." but instead, he used the word "honor." What distinction is God making?

4. What are the implications of the fact that God attaches a promise to this commandment?

Recommended memory work: The Fourth Commandment