

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson II: Reputation

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.

Defend and Protect the Reputation of Others

84. Why is a good name an important blessing?

Genesis 39:16-20 1 Samuel 19:1-6 1 Samuel 20:18-42

85. How does the Eighth Commandment serve as a mirror, showing us that we also sin against God when we fail to respect our neighbor's good name?

a. *Leviticus 19:16 Proverbs 19:5 Colossians 3:9*

b. *Proverbs 11:9 Proverbs 16:28 Proverbs 17:19 2 Samuel 15:1-6 1 Timothy 5:13*

c. *Proverbs 11:13 Proverbs 25:9*

d. *Proverbs 6:16-19*

86. How does God emphasize that our speech can make us guilty of sin?

Romans 1:29-32 James 3:2, 6

87. How can we be sure that our sins against the Eighth Commandment are forgiven?

Isaiah 53:9 1 Peter 2:22-23 Romans 5:8, 10

88. How does the Eighth Commandment guide us in the way we speak about others?
*Ephesians 4:15 Ephesians 4:25 1 Peter 3:8-10 Proverbs 31:8-9 1 Corinthians 13:5-7
Matthew 26:6-13*

89. How does God want us to show love to those whom we have sinned against?
Matthew 5:23-24

90. How does God want us to show love to those who have sinned against us?
Matthew 18:15 Luke 17:3

2 Samuel 15:1-6

1. How did Absalom sin against the Eighth Commandment?

2 Samuel 12:1-14

2. How might you warn someone against sin and help them to repent and trust in God's forgiveness?

3. How is speaking a humble rebuke similar to being a doctor?

For further discussion...

4. Does this commandment forbid all negative speech about others?

Recommended memory work: The Eighth Commandment