

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 16: Preservation

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 the Father Almighty: Our Provider and Protector

130. What are all the things God does to provide for his creation?

Psalm 139:14 Matthew 6:25-34 Psalm 37:25 Psalm 103:2-3 Psalm 121:3 Psalm 50:15
(see also: *Psalm 36:6-7, Psalm 147:8-9, Psalm 147:4, and Hebrews 1:3*)

131. What different methods does God use to provide for us?

a. *2 Thessalonians 3:10 Leviticus 26:4 3 John 2 1 Timothy 5:23* (see also: *Psalm 104:14 and Psalm 67:6*)

b. *1 Kings 17:1-16 John 6:3-13 Matthew 19:26* (see also: *Mark 4:35-41*)

132. How does our heavenly Father protect us?

a. *Psalm 91:9-10 Exodus 17:8-13 Daniel 6:16-23* (see also: *Psalm 50:15 and Exodus 14*)

b. *Romans 8:28 Genesis 50:19-20 Hebrews 12:5-11* (see also: *Genesis 37:12-36, 39:1-46:4*)

133. What special creatures does God send for our protection?

Psalm 91:11 2 Kings 6:8-17 (see also: *Daniel 16:6-23 and Matthew 2:13-21*)

134. What does God tell us about angels?

Genesis 1:31 Hebrews 1:14 Daniel 7:10 Matthew 18:10 (see also: *Psalm 103:20 and Psalm 91:11-12*)

135. Why does our heavenly Father preserve and protect us?

Romans 11:35 Lamentations 3:22-23 Romans 8:32 (see also: *Genesis 32:10*)

136. What does our heavenly Father's goodness and mercy move us to do?
Psalms 7:17 Psalms 150:1-2, 6 1 Samuel 12:24 Romans 12:1 1 Corinthians 10:31
(see also: Deuteronomy 10:12)

Exodus 16:1-17:7

1. What challenges in your life have led you to worry or doubt God?
2. How might God's way of helping the Israelites in the wilderness be an encouragement to you?

For further discussion...

3. Is God like a watchmaker who wound up the universe at creation and then let it run? Why or why not?

Recommended memory work: The First Article of the Apostles' Creed with Explanation