

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 17: The Fall

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.

The Ruin of God's Creation

137. What does the Bible tell us about the evil angels?
Jude 6 Matthew 25:34 (see also: 2 Peter 2:4)
138. The devil is the chief of the evil angels. How did the devil ruin God's creation?
Genesis 3:1-6
139. What was the result on God's creation of the fall into sin?
Genesis 3:6-19 Romans 5:12 (see also: Romans 8:22)
140. What was the impact of the fall into sin on the image of God?
Romans 7:18 1 Corinthians 2:14 Romans 8:7 Genesis 5:3 (see also: Genesis 8:31 and Ephesians 2:1)
141. What is the devil's goal as he continues to work in God's creation?
John 8:44 2 Timothy 2:25-26 (see also: 1 Peter 5:8 and Revelation 12:12)
142. Though he would have been justified, why didn't God destroy Adam and Eve?
Lamentations 3:22 Ezekiel 33:11
143. What has our heavenly Father done to rescue us from the devil's evil plan?
Romans 5:18-19 1 John 3:8 John 3:16 (see also: Genesis 3:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Matthew 4:1-11

1. What are some of the arguments Satan uses to try to get you to fall into temptation?
2. Which words of God do you find especially helpful for resisting those arguments?

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

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

Redemption

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.