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Part 3: Service

Lord's Day 34

Question and Answer 92-95

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Question 92:

What is God's law?

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Answer 92:

God spoke all these words:

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.”

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THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

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THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.”

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THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

“Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work— you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.”

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THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving to you.”

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THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not murder.”

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THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not commit adultery.”

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THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not steal.”

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THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

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THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house;
you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male
or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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Oklahoma removed 10 Commandments from Statehouse on October 5.



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Detroit unveiled a satan statue on July 26.



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Question 93:

How are these commandments divided?

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Answer 93:

Into two tables. The first has four commandments, teaching us how we ought to live in relation to God. The second has six commandments, teaching us what we owe our neighbor.

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³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

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Question 94:

What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

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Answer 94:

That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, sorcery, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures.

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⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

Ephesians 5:5-7

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²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised.

Amen.

Romans 1:24-25

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⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Colossians 3:5-8

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³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior,
⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to
a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one
God and one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a
ransom for all men--the testimony given in its
proper time.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

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Answer 94:

That I rightly know the only true God, trust him alone, and look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God's will in any way.

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¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:10-12

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⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:8-11

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⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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Question 95:

What is idolatry?

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Answer 95:

Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word.

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21 Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.
1 John 5:21

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¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Philippians 3:19-21

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- ¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
- ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
- ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

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Jesus is Lord of All,

or

He is not Lord at All

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

Luke 6:46