

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 2

Overview/Purpose

"In this division of the catechism which treats of the misery of man, we are to consider principally the subject of sin, together with the effects or punishment of sin. Other subjects of a subordinate nature are connected with this, such as the creation of man, the image of God in man, the fall and first sin of man, original sin, the liberty of the will, and afflictions. In regard to our misery, we must consider in general, what it is, whence, and how it may be known!"

"The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pg 23.

Method

Following the Trivium, the grammar stage calls for rote memorization. Constant drilling and recitation is absolutely necessary and will require direct parental participation.

Suggested Materials For Parents

See "The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pgs 23-27.

Word Definitions

• Christ	• Commandment	• Hate
• Heart	• Law	• Law of God
• Lord	• Love	• Mind
• Misery	• Nature	• Neighbor
• Perfectly	• Prone	• Prophets
• Require	• Soul	• Strength

Suggested Activities

- Review word definitions

- Memory game to review word definitions and catechism questions
- Spelling test using the words in this catechism lesson
- Memorize key bible verses
- Service projects to reinforce the lessons found in the catechism questions

- Many opportunities for creativity!

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Question 3. Whence knowest thou thy misery?

Answer. Out of the law of God. [a]

Question 4. What doth the law of God require of us?

Answer. Christ teaches us that briefly, Matt. 22:37-40, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. [b] This is the first and the great commandment; and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Question 5. Canst thou keep all these things perfectly?

Answer. In no wise; [c] for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbor. [d]

[a]: Rom. 3:20

[b]: Luke 10:27

[c]: Rom. 3:10; 1John 1:8

[d]: Rom. 8:7, Tit. 3:3