

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 38

Question 103. What doth God require in the fourth commandment?

Answer. First, that the ministry of the gospel and the schools be [a] maintained; and that I, especially on the sabbath, [b] that is, on the day of rest, [c] diligently frequent [d] the church of God, to hear his word, to use the sacraments, [e] publicly to call upon the Lord, and contribute to the relief of the [f] poor, as becomes a christian. Secondly, that all the days of my life I cease from my evil works, and yield myself to the Lord, to work by his Holy Spirit in me: and thus [g] begin in this life the eternal sabbath.

[a]: Deut. 12:19; Tit. 1:5; 1Tim. 3:14,15; 1Cor. 9:11; 2Tim. 2:2; 1Tim. 3:15

[b]: Lev. 23:3

[c]: Acts 2:42,46; 1Cor. 14:19,29,31

[d]: 1Cor. 11:33

[e]: 1Tim. 2:1

[f]: 1Cor. 16:2

[g]: Isa. 66:23

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 38:

Fourth Commandment : _____

Ministry of the Gospel : _____

Schools : _____

Maintained : _____

Sabbath : _____

Name : _____

Day of rest : _____

Hear his word : _____

Use the Sacraments : _____

Publicly : _____

Call upon the Lord : _____

Contribute : _____

Poor : _____

Evil works : _____

Yield : _____

Name : _____

Eternal Sabbath : _____

Name : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Lev. 23:3

How does this apply to us today? Are we supposed to cease from all work on the sabbath? Please explain.

2. Acts 2:42,46; 1Tim. 2:1; 1Cor. 16:2

What activities take place in the church to make the "ministry of the gospel and the schools be maintained" so important?

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3. 1Tim. 3:14,15; 2Tim. 2:2; Tit. 1:5

What does it mean to maintain the ministry of the gospel? Who has been given the responsibility to do this?

4. Isa. 66:23

How do we begin the eternal Sabbath rest in this life? Please explain.
