

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 50

Overview/Purpose

“This petition respecting our daily bread, it would seem should have been placed after the petition in which we pray for the forgiveness of our sins, inasmuch as such benefits as are most important should be prayed for first, whilst those which are less important should be sought last. But Christ having regard to our infirmities, placed this fourth petition respecting our daily bread, as it were in the middle of the prayer which he prescribed, that we might both commence and end our prayers with petitions for spiritual blessing as being most important; and that the obtaining and receiving of temporal benefits might confirm in us more and more in confidence of obtaining spiritual blessings.

In this fourth petition we are taught to pray for temporal blessings”

“The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pg 641.

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 641-648.

Word Definitions

• Daily bread	• Necessary
• Body	• Acknowledge
• Fountain	• Good
• Care	• Industry
• Gifts	• Profit
• Blessing	• Withdraw
• Trust	• Creatures

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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 125. Which is the fourth petition?

Answer. [a] "Give us this day our daily bread"; that is, be pleased to provide us with all things [b] necessary for the body, that we may thereby acknowledge thee to be the only fountain of all [c] good, and that neither our care nor industry, nor even thy gifts, can [d] profit us without thy blessing; and therefore that we may withdraw our trust from all creatures, and place [e] it alone in thee.

[a]: Mat. 6:11

[b]: Psa. 145:15; Mat. 6:25ff

[c]: Acts 17:25; Acts 14:17

[d]: 1Cor. 15:58; Deut. 8:3; Psa. 127:1,2

[e]: Psa. 62:11; Psa. 55:22