

Women's Thursday Bible Class- Larger Catechism -2021 #3 Lesson

Review from last week - recording is available
We covered Q. 129-133

Helpful sum of 2nd Table of the Law - Commandments 5-10

Remember: law tells us how to love our neighbor

In one word, distilling the essence of what each regulates

5 - authority

6- life

7- purity

8- property

9- truth

10- circumstances

Remember Jesus took the Law much deeper than just actions. It also includes thoughts, mind, intent, motives, words. SOM - Mat 5, where Jesus called the Pharisees out and pointed to the spiritual nature of the law

Q. And A. 134 - 6 th Commandment -

Moral principle- the lawful preservation of innocent life

Hebrews reads "thou shalt do no murder"

Q. And A. 135- duties required

So what positive duties does this speak to?

Eph. 5:28-29

-speaks to (" sober use")what ever necessary food, medicine, exercise, sleep, recreation in moderation

Note , in the USA can be emphasized to an extreme. Vos - P. 365

I Kings 18:4 - to preserve the lives of ourselves and others

- subdue, resist, avoid temptations, practices, passions(anger, grudges, revenge)
- Which tend toward unjust destruction of human life, meaning which could lead to
- "The LC lays down this principle, but wisely leaves out the precise application of the principle to the sanctified common sense of Christians." Vos

Psalms 37:7-11

Prov. 24:11-12

- speaks to power of state of capital punishment
- And to the defensive posture of ' just war'
- Speaks to idea of self defense when vs. unjust violence to self, family, property

So many verses connected to the sixth commandment have to do with requiring kindness, love in thought, word, and deed and in cultivating a patient, forgiving, and Unresentful spirit to others, a readiness to be reconciled

- speaks to generally helping, comforting, the needy, defending the innocent from injustice

Q. and A. 136 - sins forbidden

Taking away of life unjustly of Ourselves or Others

And " whatsoever tends to the destruction of any"

Suicide

Homicide.

Latin derivative

Genocide

Regicide

Death penalty Gen. 9:6 and Numbers 35:31,33; Rom. 13:4

If war is legitimate, circumstances may deem it a God- given duty to participate to protect and save lives (Sergeant York)

Exod. 22:2-3 necessary self defense

Discussion: Is it right for lawmakers to abolish the death penalty for murder? Is it right to legalize the killing of babies and abortion?

How can we justify defending ourselves against unlawful violence?

Q. And A. 137 - 7th commandment

Moral principle: the preservation and cultivation of chastity or purity, especially sexual purity
SC # 71 - general scope "Of our own and our neighbor's purity in heart, in speech, and behavior "
Real cause - Mat. 15:19

Speaks into our lives about the need for non-negotiables
The subtle danger of hypocrisy - pretense, hold up fronts
The need for wisdom - biblical discernment

Rom. 12:1-2 Heb. 4:12-13, 5:14 and 13:4

The need to think critically and ask questions of self

The need to not just look on the surface, i.e. just the immediate gratification rather than the TRUTH of the destruction ahead (ex. of an apple) - not thinking about what sin costs

just be swept along with the culture (easy divorce, lax laws)

Becomes easier and easier to ignore even clear biblical directives (harden heart and dull conscience, grieving the Spirit)

Q. and A. 138 -duties required

Answer is very searchingly detailed!

obvious is the underlying principles of marriage (1 Cor. 7)

vows - covenant ' fence'

unity - develops, building life together- must guard against alienation

exclusive - regular intimacy

so what positive preservation of purity - involves eyes, heart so thoughts, emotions, speech and behaviour

Q. and A. 139 - sins forbidden

obvious ones

What presence or influence in our present day culture has contributed greatly to the violation of the seventh commandment?

What does the catechism mean by " immodest apparel"?

Read Proverbs 5, 6 and 7

Think for a moment , gain insight, on the sequential character of sin

Ex. - public scandal

So we see the degradation of the institution of marriage

Chaos in culture

Breakdown of family

Acceptance of laxness even in the church

Next week: Q. and A. 140-145. If you can, try to look up verses ahead.