

Women's Thursday Bible Class - Larger Catechism - 2021

#5 Lesson

Wrap up thoughts from last week on Q.and A. 140-145, Commandment 8 and 9.

Q.and A. 146 - 10 th Commandment

Moral principle- preservation of contentment (with God's providence)

The Envy of Eve by Melissa Krueger (basis of her DVD series called Contentment)

Q.and A. 147 - duties required

- full contentment with our condition- God's providential parameters He has set
- Charitable frame toward our neighbor and all that is his -
- Inward heart of rejoicing at and desiring his good

Heb. 13:5

Rom. 12:15

I Cor. 13:4-7

What is contentment?

Am I satisfied with

This raises the question of ambition?

Q. And A. 148 - sins forbidden

Ex. I Kings 21 - Occasion of Ahab

- discontentment with God
- Envy of or grief over neighbor's blessings
- Heart motions tending (wrong attitude)

I Cor. 10: 10

Gal. 5:26

Col. 3:5

Rom. 7:7-8

What is envying?

In what ways could our sinful hearts grieve at good our neighbor might be experiencing?

Can you think of some Bible characters who violated this commandment in a specially wicked manner?

Conclusions on this 2nd Table of the Law

Q.and A. 149 - Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

- none
- Even by the grace of the Holy Spirit
- Remember includes thoughts, words, affections, motives, etc. not just deeds or outward acts

Eccl. 7:20

Rom. 3:9-19

Jam. 3:2-13

Two issues: depravity (original sin and the consequences of the fall)

Inability

Perfectionism or anything like it arises from a failure to grasp the real nature and scope of what God requires.

The moral law is an expression of the character of our God . Only Christ !

Q.and A. 150 -read both

Q.and A. 151

What is meaning of word "**heinous**"? Pronounced hay - nous

Also "**aggravations**"? Set(s) of circumstances or any factor that increase the seriousness of sin

Guilt - define it!

Nature of guilt

Degrees of guilt- do some sins deserve a severer punishment?

All sin is heinous, but there are some that are more so. How does that hit you?

* From the persons offending

- From the persons offended

- From the many varied circumstances

Chosen **proof texts** given in class- Luke 12:47-48

II Sam 12:7-10, 14

Rom. 2:17-24

Num. 12:8-9

Heb. 10:29

Maybe some others

Q.and A. 152 -

Read paragraph by Dr. Vos - How evil is sin?

Conclusion: we must guard against the humanistic way of thinking about sin

Next week: Q.and A. 153-160. Repentance, Faith and the Word!!!!!!