

Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC) - 2020-2021

Women's Thursday Bible Class - #28

Prayer

Last week we encountered questions that we need to further discuss.

We are picking up with the last page of handout #27, WLC Q. 110.

Q.111 What is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Q. 112 What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires, **That the name(s) of God , his titles, attributes, ordinances, the Word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, lots, his works,** and whatever else there is whereby He makes himself known, be **holily and reverently** used in thought, meditation, word and writing; by a holy profession, and answerable conversation(here meaning manner of walk and life) to the glory of God, and the good of ourselves and others.

How is the "name " of God loaded in its meaning?

Name is used in Scripture in Hebrew in the sense of revealed character and essence.

So what would the name of God include?

What does it mean to have a holy and reverent attitude toward God's name?

This attitude should find expression in " a holy profession and answerable conversation". So what does that mean?

Let's go to Scripture:

Psalms is rich! 29:2/ 8:1/ 68:4 / 107:21-22 / 138:2 / 99:3 /

I Chron. 29:10-13 David prayer

More Psalms 86:11/ 96:1,2,8 / 111:9 / 113:3/ 124:8

Rev. 15:3-4

Mal. 1:14/ 3:16

I Cor. 11:24-29 sacrament of Lord's supper

Rom. 2:24 blasphemed among Gentiles

I Tim. 6:1 and Titus 2:5

Mat. 5:37 with James 5:12

Mat. 6:9 Hallowed be thy name

Discussion.

Next we will continue on with Q. 113-114 and hopefully into Q. 115 on the Sabbath.