

Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC) 2020-2021

Women's Thursday Bible Study - #25

Prayer

Get out handout from last week #24 . Review. Picking up where we left off, page 3 with Q. # 99.

Q. # 100 What special things are we to consider in the 10 Commandments?

A. We are to consider in the Ten Commandments, the preface, the substance of the commandments themselves, and the several reasons annexed to some of them , the more to enforce them.

Q. # 101. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

A. The **preface** to the Ten Commandments is contained in these words, "**I am the Lord thy God which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage,**". Wherein God manifesteth his sovereignty, as being JEHOVAH, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God; having his being in and of himself, and giving being to all his words and works: and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people; who as he brought them out to of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivereth us from our spiritual thralldom (enslavement); and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.

Ex. 20:2 and Deut. 5:6

Is. 44:6

Ex. 3:14-15 and 33:19 and 6:2-3

JHVH , with vowels **JEHOVAH**

I AM that I AM

HIS NAME DECLARING who He is

Acts 17:24, 28

Gen. 17:7 with Rom. 3:29

-literal place of bondage compared to spiritual slavery of sin

I Pet. 1:15-18 and Lev. 19:37

Why is the preface important?

States the foundation on which we are obligated to obey what follows.

God's sovereignty (Creator) and his work of redemption require total allegiance and absolute obedience from us

Q. 102 What is the sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God?

A. The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God, is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul ' and with all our strength, and with all our mind.

Mat. 22: 37-38

First things first!

Q. 103 What is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is , Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Q. 104 What are the duties required in the first commandment?

A. The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him, believing him, trusting, hoping, desiring, rejoicing in him, being jealous for him, calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man, being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended, and walking humbly with him.

Luke 10:27

Deut. 26:17 , Isa. 43:10-15

Mat. 4:10 Jesus's own words to Satan's temptation

Ps. 95:6-7 and 29:2 and 71:19

Mal. 1:6 failure to honor and 3:16

Josh. 24 Choose this day who you will serve!

- Isa. 45:23
- Isa. 8:13 , 26:4

Ps. 130:7, 37:4, 32:11

James 4:7

II Cor. 5:9 and 8:21

Micah 6:8

Ps. 119:136 sad when God offended and blasphemed before the world

Again, why is this commandment placed first in the Ten?

What are some of the great truths assumed in this expansive answer of the catechism?

Next week: Q. 105 - 106. If you are able, look up the Scripture references and pick out the ones you think will be most pertinent