

LORD'S DAY 9

Q26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,¹ who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,² is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.³ I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,⁴ and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.⁵ God is able to do this because he is almighty God⁶ and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.⁷

1. Gen. 1

Ps. 33:6 – "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth."

2. Ps. 104

Ps. 115:3 – "Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases."

Matt. 10:29 – "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father."

Heb. 1:3 – "He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

3. John 1:12 – "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,"

Rom. 8:15 – "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"

Gal. 4:5-7 – "in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God."

Eph. 1:5 – "He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

4. Ps. 55:22 – "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

Matt. 6:25-26 – "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Luke 12:22 – "He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.'"

5. Rom. 8:28 – "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

6. Rom. 10:12 – "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him."

7. Matt. 6:32 – "For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

Matt. 7:9 – "Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?"