

LORD'S DAY 34

Q92. What is God's law?

A. God spoke all these words:

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT: "I am the **LORD** your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me."

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT: "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the **LORD** your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments."

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT: "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the **LORD** your God, for the **LORD** will not acquit anyone who misuses his name."

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT: "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the **LORD** your God; you shall not do any work— you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the **LORD** made the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the **LORD** blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it."

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT: "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the **LORD** your God is giving to you."

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT: "You shall not murder."

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT: "You shall not commit adultery."

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT: "You shall not steal."

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."¹

1. Exod. 20[:1–17]

Deut. 5[:6–21]

Q93. How are these commandments divided?

A. Into two tables.¹ The first has four commandments, teaching us how we ought to live in relation to God. The second has six commandments, teaching us what we owe our neighbor.²

1. Exod. 34:28 – “He was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.”

Deut. 4:13 – “He declared to you his covenant, which he charged you to observe, that is, the ten commandments, and he wrote them on two stone tablets.”

Deut. 10:3–4 – “So I made an ark of acacia wood, cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. Then he wrote on the tablets the same words as before, the ten commandments[a] that the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the assembly, and the Lord gave them to me.”

2. Matt. 22:37–39 – “He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Q94. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

A. That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry,¹ sorcery, superstitious rites,² and prayer to saints or to other creatures.³ That I rightly know the only true God,⁴ trust him alone,⁵ and look to God for every good thing⁶ humbly⁷ and patiently,⁸ and love,⁹ fear,¹⁰ and honor¹¹ God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God’s will in any way.¹²

1. 1 Cor. 6:9–10

1 Cor. 10:7 – “Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’”

1 Cor. 10:14 – “Therefore, my beloved, flee from the worship of idols.”

2. Lev. 19:31 – “Do not turn to mediums and spiritualists; do not seek them out, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.”

Deut. 18:11 – “or one who casts spells, or who consults ghosts or spirits, or who seeks oracles from the dead.”

3. Matt. 4:10 – “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’”

Rev. 19:10 – “Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’”

Rev. 22:[8]–9 – “but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters the prophets and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!’”

4. John 17:3 – “And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

5. Jer. 17:5 – “So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.”

6. Ps. 104:27–30 – “In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the conies. You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.”

Isa. 45:7 – “I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.”

James 1:17 – “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

7. 1 Pet. 5:5–6 – “In the same way, you who are younger must be subject to the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud

but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time."

8. Heb. 10:36 – "For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what was promised."

Col. 1:11 – "May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully."

Rom. 5:3–4 – "And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,"

1 Cor. 10:10 – "And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer."

Phil. 2:14 – "Do all things without murmuring and arguing,"

9. Deut. 6:5 – "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Matt. 22:37 – "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"

10. Deut. 6:2 – "so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long.

Ps. 111:10 – "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever."

Prov. 1:7 – "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov. 9:10 – "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."

Matt. 10:28 – "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

11. Matt. 4:10 – "Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Deut. 10:20 – "You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear."

12. Matt. 5:29–30 – "If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell."

Matt. 10:37 – "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me,"

Acts 5:29 – "But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority."

Q95. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word.¹

1. Eph. 5:5 – "Be sure of this, that no sexually immoral or impure person or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater) has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

1 Chron. 16:26 – "For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens."

Phil. 3:19 – "Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things."

Gal. 4:8 – "Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods."

Eph. 2:12 – “remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

1 John 2:23 – “No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also.”

2 John 9 – “Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.”

John 5:23 – “so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.”