

LORD'S DAY 4

[CLASS DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2017]

Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class

Psalms 103:1-18; Exodus 32:1-34:17; Nahum 1:1-8

QUESTION 9

Is God, then, not unjust by requiring in His law what man cannot do?

ANSWER. No, for God so created man that he was able to do it.¹ But man, at the instigation of the devil,² in deliberate disobedience³ robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.⁴

QUESTION 10

Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

ANSWER. Certainly not. He is terribly displeased with our original sin as well as our actual sins. Therefore He will punish them by a just judgment both now and eternally,¹ as He has declared:² Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them (Galatians 3:10).

QUESTION 11

But is God not also merciful?

ANSWER. God is indeed merciful,¹ but He is also just.² His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.³

Proof Texts for Lord's Day 4

Lords Day 04 [Q&A 09.1]

Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Lords Day 04 [Q&A 09.2]

Genesis 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate.";

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies;

I Timothy 2:13, 14 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor..

Lords Day 04 [Q&A 09.3]

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Lords Day 04 [Q&A 09.4]

Romans 5:12, 18, 19 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—...Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lords Day 04 [Q&A 10.1]

Exodus 34:7 "...keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.";

Psalms 5:4-6 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the blood thirsty and deceitful man.;

Psalms 7:10 My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart;

Nahum 1:2 The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies;

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth;

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...;

Ephesians 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.;

Hebrews 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.