

PART 3: DELIVERANCE

LORD'S DAY 5

[CLASS DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2017]

Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class

Leviticus 4; Matthew 25; Hebrews 10

QUESTION 12

Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favor?

ANSWER. God demands that His justice be satisfied.¹ Therefore full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.²

QUESTION 13

Can we ourselves make this payment?

ANSWER. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.¹

QUESTION 14

Can any mere creature pay for us?

ANSWER. No. In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed.¹ Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.²

QUESTION 15

What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

ANSWER. One who is a true¹ and righteous² man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.³

Proof Texts for Lord's Day 5

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 12.1]

Exodus 20:5 . . . You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,;

Exodus 23:7 Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked. . . .;

Romans 2:1-11 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 12.2]

Isaiah 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities;

Romans 8:3, 4 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 13.1]

Psalms 130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?;

Matthew 6:12 ...and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors;

Romans 2:4, 5 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 14.1]

Ezekiel 18:4, 20 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.;

Hebrews 2:14-18 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted..

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 14.2]

Psalms 130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?;

Nahum 1:6 Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 15.1]

I Corinthians 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 15.2]

Isaiah 53:9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth;

II Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God;

Hebrews 7:26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

Lords Day 05 [Q&A 15.3]

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel;

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace;

Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.';

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;

Romans 8:3, 4 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.