

one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹“Catholic” means universal; one church across all times, places, and peoples.

***Hymn 97 “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”**

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through life's storm and tempest
Our Guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape You will make us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
To You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

***God Welcomes His People**

Revelation 1:4

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 5

Congregational Prayer

O King of the nations,
We acknowledge You today as LORD,
Not only of individuals but of lands and governments.

We thank You for Your Divine law,
Which we recognize as higher than any human law.
We thank You for the opportunity
That this election year puts before us,
To exercise not only our solemn duty to vote,
But to vote correctly.
May we realize that while politics is not our salvation,
Our obedience to You requires
That we be Biblically wise and responsible.

Gracious LORD, do not give us the leaders we deserve
But the leaders we need.
May they be committed to truth, impartial justice,
The sanctity of marriage and the family,
The dignity of each individual human life,
And human rights that begin when human lives begin,
And not one moment later.

LORD, we rejoice today that we are citizens of Your
eternal kingdom. May that make us all the more
committed to being faithful citizens on earth. And may
we not forget that regardless of who is elected as
President, Jesus is still King.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come

Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes.

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New Testament Reading

Revelation 6:9-11

Message *"REJOICE! GOD DEFENDS THE RIGHTEOUS"*

***Hymn 570**

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Faith of our fathers! Living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear God's glorious Word.

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to Thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate
If they, like them, should die for Thee. *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers! God's great pow'r
Shall draw all nations unto Thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
His people shall indeed be free. *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By witness true and virtuous life. *Refrain*

***God Blesses His People**

2 Corinthians 13:14

***Hymn 734**

"Gloria Patri"



The Ninth Commandment

Westminster Larger Catechism (Modern Version)

Q. 143 What is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. Ex 20.16.

Q. 144. What does the ninth commandment require?

A. The ninth commandment requires that we maintain and promote truthfulness in our dealings with each other¹ and the good reputation of others as well as ourselves.² We must come forward and stand up for the truth,³ speaking the truth and nothing but the truth from our hearts,⁴ sincerely,⁵ freely,⁶ clearly,⁷ and without equivocation,⁸ not only in all matters relating to the law and justice⁹ but in any and every circumstance whatsoever.¹⁰

We must have a charitable regard for others,¹¹ loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good reputation¹² as well as regretting¹³ and putting the best light on their failings.¹⁴ We must freely acknowledge their talents and gifts,¹⁵ defending their innocence,¹⁶ readily receiving a good report about

them¹⁷ and reluctantly admitting a bad one.¹⁸ We should discourage gossips,¹⁹ flatterers,²⁰ and slanderers;²¹ we should love and protect our own good reputation and defend it when necessary;²² we should keep every lawful promise we make no matter what;²³ and finally we should do the best we can to focus our lives and thoughts on things that are true, noble, lovely, and admirable²⁴.

1. Zec 8.16, Eph 4.25. 2. 3 Jn 12. 3. Prv 31.8-9. 4. Ps 15.2. 5. 2 Chr 19.9. 6. 1 Sm 19.4-5, Jer 9.3. The Larger Catechism 96 7. Jos 7.19, Jer 42.4, Acts 20.20. 8. 2 Sm 14.18-20, Acts 20.27. 9. Lv 19.15, Prv 14.5,25. 10. 2 Cor 1.17-18, Eph 4.25, Is 63.8, Col 3.9. 11. Heb 6.9, 1 Cor 13.4-5,7. 12. Rom 1.8, 2 Jn 4, 3 Jn 3-4. 13. 2 Cor 2.4, 12.21, Ps 119.158. 14. Prv 17.9, 1 Pt 4.8. 15. 1 Cor 1.4-5,7, 2 Tm 1.4-5. 16. 1 Sm 22.14, Ps 82.3. 17. 1 Cor 13.4,6-7. 18. Ps 15.3. 19. Prv 25.23. 20. Prv 26.24-25. 21. Ps 101.5. 22. Prv 22.1, Jn 8.49, 2 Cor 11.18,23. 23. Ps 15.4. 24. Phil 4.8.

145. What particular sins does the ninth commandment forbid? A. The ninth commandment forbids everything detrimental to the truth and the good reputation of others as well as our own,¹ with special reference to legal matters in the courts.² We must not give untrue evidence,³ suborn perjury,⁴ knowingly appear and plead on behalf of an evil cause, or engage in overbearing and boastful exaggeration.⁵ We should never participate in passing an unjust sentence,⁶ call evil good or good evil, or reward the wicked in a way appropriate to the righteous or the righteous in a way appropriate to the wicked.⁷ Forgery is forbidden,⁸ as is concealing the truth, remaining silent in a just cause,⁹ cause⁹ and not

taking it on ourselves to reprove¹⁰ or complain to others about some wrong.¹¹ We must not speak the truth at an inappropriate time,¹² or maliciously to promote a wrong purpose,¹³ nor pervert it into a wrong meaning,¹⁴ into ambiguous equivocations, or in such ways as to undermine truth and justice.¹⁵ Also forbidden are: saying anything untrue,¹⁶ as well as lying,¹⁷ slandering,¹⁸ backbiting,¹⁹ belittling,²⁰ gossiping,²¹ whispering,²² ridiculing,²³ reviling,²⁴ and expressing any kind of judgmental opinion that is rash,²⁵ harsh,²⁶ or prejudiced;²⁷ misconstruing intentions, words, and actions;²⁸ flattery²⁹ and ostentatious boasting;³⁰ thinking or speaking too highly or too poorly of ourselves or others;³¹ denying the gifts of God or the effects of his grace on us;³² exaggerating the significance of trivial faults;³³ concealing, excusing, or rationalizing our sinful behavior when we are called to confess it voluntarily;³⁴ gratuitously revealing the problems and failings of others;³⁵ spreading false rumors,³⁶ receiving and approving evil reports,³⁷ and refusing to listen to a just defense;³⁸ harboring evil suspicions;³⁹ being envious of or grieved by the deserved honors others receive,⁴⁰ trying to discredit those honors,⁴¹ and rejoicing at someone else's disgrace or evil reputation;⁴² scornful contempt⁴³ and foolish admiration;⁴⁴ breaking our lawful promises;⁴⁵ and, finally, failing to promote everyone's good name,⁴⁶ and doing, not avoiding, or not hindering in others, as we can, those things that give people a bad name.⁴⁷

1. 1 Sm 17.28, 2 Sm 16.3, 1.9,10,15-16, Lk 3.14. 2. Lv 19.15, Hb 1.4. 3. Prv 19.5, 6.16,19. 4. Acts 6.13. 5. Jer 9.3,5, Acts 24.2,5, Ps 12.3-4, 52.1-4. 6. Prv 17.15, 1 Kgs 21.9-14. 7. Is 5.23. 8. Ps 119.69, Lk 19.8, 16.5-7, 1 Kgs 21.8. 9. Lv 5.1, Dt 13.8, Acts 5.3,8-9, 2 Tm 4.6. 10. 1 Kgs 1.6, Lv 19.17, Is 58.1. 11. Is 59.4. 12. Prv 29.11. 13. 1 Sm 22.9-10, Ps 52.1-5. 14. Ps

56.5, Jn 2.19, Mt 26.60-61. 15. Gn 3.5, 26.7,9. 16. Is 59.13. 17. Lv 19.11, Col 3.9. 18. Ps 50.20. 19. Ps 15.3, Rom 1.30. 20. Jas 4.11, Jer 38.4, Ti 3.2. 21. Lv 19.16. 22. Rom 1.29-30, Prv 16.28. 23. Gn 21.9, Gal 4.29, Is 28.22. 24. 1 Cor 6.10. 25. Mt 7.1. 26. Acts 28.4, Jas 2.13. 27. Gn 38.24, Rom 2.1, Jn 7.24. 28. Neh 6.6-8, Rom 3.8, Ps 69.10, 1 Sm 1.13-15, 2 Sm 10.3. 29. Ps 12.2-3. 30. 2 Tm 3.2. 31. Lk 18.9,11, Rom 12.16, 1 Cor 4.6, Acts 12.22, Ex 4.10-14. 32. Jb 27.5-6, 4.6, Gal 5.26. 33. Mt 7.3-5, Is 29.20-21. 34. Prv 28.13, 30.20, Gn 3.12-13, 4.9, Jer 2.35, 2 Kgs 5.25. 35. Gn 9.22, Prv 25.9-10. 36. Ex 23.1. 37. Prv 29.12, Jer 20.10. 38. Acts 7.56-57, Jb 31.13-14. 39. 1 Cor 13.4-5, 1 Tm 6.4. 40. Nm 11.29, Mt 21.15. 41. Ezr 4.12-13, Dn 6.3-4. 42. Jer 48.27. 43. Ps 35.15-16,21, Mt 27.28-29. 44. Jude 16, Acts 12.22, 1 Cor 3.21. 45. Rom 1.31, 2 Tm 3.3. 46. 1 Sm 2.24, 2 Sm 12.14. 47. 2 Sm 12.13-14, Prv 5.8-9, Phil 3.18-19, 2 Pt 2.2

"REJOICE! GOD DEFENDS THE RIGHTEOUS"

Psalm 5

Pastor Han; Sang Chul. [youtube.com/watch?v=oGqEgXkF7I8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGqEgXkF7I8). David the king will be rescued because his line is vital for the Messianic kingdom to continue.

Some argue that David can't be the author, because of the use of "house" and "temple" in verse 7. But the Hebrew word for temple is also used of the Tabernacle at Shiloh. This "Tabernacle" in Jerusalem was constructed by David to house the ark of the covenant (1 Chron 15:1).

I. DAVID TAKES TIME TO APPROACH GOD WITH CARE

A. David Orders His Words Carefully

Eccl 5:2; Lev 1:7; 6:12; cf. Num 28:4

B. But Prayer is More Than Words

Romans 8:26-27

II. HE AFFIRMS GOD'S JUST CHARACTER

A. God's Justice is David's Guarantee

Gen 18:25

B. But What about David?

Rom 3:9. *hesed* (v. 7) = mercy; lovingkindness; covenant love. Heb 4:14-16

III. HE ASKS FOR GUIDANCE AND A GUILTY VERDICT

A. He Needs the Guidance of God

Ps 1:1-2 God is to perform the known will of God.

B. He Asks for a Guilty Verdict in Action

Ps 7:15-16; Ps 9:15; Esther 7:10; cf. Prov 27:26. Revenge is wrong but justice is very right.

C. Rejoice!

Matt 5:11-12

Conclusion