Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 5: God's Name

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Use God's Name Properly

- 39. Why did God reveal his name to us?

 Romans 10:13 Proverbs 18:10 Psalm 9:10 Psalm 54:6 Psalm 50:15 Psalm 20:1

 Psalm 22:22
- 40. How do we misuse God's name?
 - a. James 3:10 Romans 12:14
 - b. Leviticus 19:12 Matthew 26:69–75 James 5:12
 - c. Matthew 15:9 Matthew 7:15 Jeremiah 23:31
 - d. Matthew 15:7–8 Acts 5:1–11 Matthew 23:23–33
 - e. Deuteronomy 18:10–12
- 41. How do we sometimes dishonor God's name by our failure to use it?

 1 Thessalonians 5:17 James 4:2 Isaiah 43:21 Psalm 105:1 Psalm 118:1 Ephesians 5:4
- 42. How do we know that our sins against the Second Commandment are forgiven? *2 Corinthians 5:21*

43. How does God's Word serve as a guide for those of us who want to keep the Second Commandment? Acts 4:12 Psalm 50:15 John 16:23 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Psalm 52:9 Ephesians 5:18–20 Acts 4:20 Matthew 28:19–20

Exodus 3:1–17

- 1. What does the name "I AM" tell us about God? What does **John 8:58** tell us about Jesus?
- 2. If swearing is a misuse of God's name, do witnesses sin when they swear in court to tell the truth? Do confirmands sin when they vow to remain faithful to God? Do public servants sin when they vow to uphold the Constitution? What is the difference?

Recommended memory work: The Second Commandment