

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 8: Life

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.

Protect God's Gift of Life

60. Why is human life so precious?

Genesis 2:7 Acts 17:25, 28 Genesis 9:6 Isaiah 55:6 2 Corinthians 6:2 Matthew 25:1-13

Image of God:

61. Who alone has the right to end a person's life?

Psalm 31:15 Deuteronomy 32:39 Romans 13:4

62. In order to protect our bodies and lives, what does God forbid with the Fifth Commandment?

a. *Genesis 9:5-6 2 Samuel 11:2-17*

b. *Psalm 139:13 Exodus 21:22-24*

c. *Leviticus 19:16 Exodus 21:29*

d. *Romans 12:19*

e. *Proverbs 23:20, 31-33*

f. *Psalm 31:15 1 Samuel 31:4 Matthew 27:5*

g. *1 John 3:15 Matthew 5:21-22*

63. How does God's Word serve as a mirror, showing us that we are also guilty of breaking this commandment? *Galatians 5:19-21*
64. How does the Fifth Commandment serve as a guide to show us how to express our gratitude to God? *1 Peter 2:22-24*
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Genesis 4:1-16

1. What is meant by "sin is crouching at your door"?
2. In what ways are we tempted to violate this commandment?

For further discussion...

3. Does this commandment forbid all taking of human life? What exceptions might there be?

Recommended memory work: The Fifth Commandment