

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

THE THIRD PART--OF THANKFULNESS

XLVI. LORD'S DAY.

Question 120. Why hath Christ commanded us to address God thus: "Our Father"?

Answer. That immediately, in the very beginning of our prayer, he might excite in us a childlike reverence for, and confidence in God, which are the foundation of our prayer: namely, that God is become our Father in Christ, [a] and will much less deny us what we ask of him in true faith, than our parents [b] will refuse us earthly things.

Question 121. Why is it here added, "Which art in heaven"?

Answer. Lest we should form any [c] earthly conceptions of God's heavenly majesty, and that we [d] may expect from his almighty power all things necessary for soul and body.

[a]: Mat. 6:9

[b]: Mat. 7:9,10,11; Luke 11:11; Isa. 49:15

[c]: Jer. 23:24

[d]: Acts 17:24; Rom. 10:12

SERMON TEXT (NASB)

³⁰ "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³¹ "If I *alone* bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not true. ³² "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true.

³³ "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴ "But the witness which I receive is not from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

³⁵ "He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

³⁶ "But the witness which I have is greater than *that of* John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

³⁷ "And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. ³⁸ "And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

³⁹ "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me; ⁴⁰ and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life. ⁴¹ "I do not receive glory from men; ⁴² but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. ⁴³ "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴ "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and* only God? ⁴⁵ "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. ⁴⁷ "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

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* Please stand. Congregation is dismissed after the postlude.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (<i>Titus 2</i>).....	10:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING (<i>I Cor. 14</i>).....	6:30 PM

POTLUCK: Potluck after the service on the first Sunday of each month.

COMMUNION: Observed the second Sunday of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Prayer requests:
 - 1) Continue to remember Craig Hasselbach and Evan Burns in your prayers for the work God has given them.
 - 2) Sunday School & teachers.
 - 3) All who are traveling.
- ◆ Wednesday evening Bible study has been canceled for this week.
- ◆ Keep Gary and Ann in your prayers while they are undergoing surgeries.

RESPONSIVE READING

The congregation reads the **bold print**. (NASB)

Psalm 115

¹ *Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
But to Thy name give glory Be-
cause of Thy lovingkindness, be-
cause of Thy truth.*

² **Why should the nations say,
"Where, now, is their God?"**

³ *But our God is in the heavens;
He does whatever He pleases.*

⁴ **Their idols are silver and
gold, The work of man's
hands.**

⁵ *They have mouths, but they
cannot speak; They have eyes,
but they cannot see;*

⁶ **They have ears, but they can-
not hear; They have noses, but
they cannot smell;**

⁷ *They have hands, but they
cannot feel; They have feet, but
they cannot walk; They cannot
make a sound with their throat.*

⁸ **Those who make them will
become like them, Everyone
who trusts in them.**

⁹ *O Israel, trust in the LORD;
He is their help and their shield.*

¹⁰ **O house of Aaron, trust in
the LORD; He is their help
and their shield.**

¹¹ *You who fear the LORD, trust
in the LORD; He is their help
and their shield.*

¹² **The LORD has been mind-
ful of us; He will bless us; He
will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aa-
ron.**

¹³ *He will bless those who fear
the LORD, The small together
with the great.*

¹⁴ **May the LORD give you in-
crease, You and your children.**

¹⁵ *May you be blessed of the
LORD, Maker of heaven and
earth.*

¹⁶ **The heavens are the heavens
of the LORD; But the earth He
has given to the sons of men.**

¹⁷ *The dead do not praise the
LORD, Nor do any who go down
into silence;*

¹⁸ **But as for us, we will bless
the LORD From this time
forth and forever. Praise the
LORD!**