

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE CATECHISM

INTRODUCTION

What do we mean when we speak about the “two tables of the Law”?

Matthew 22:37-39 -

Who is our neighbor?

- a. Galatians 6:10 –
- b. Matthew 5:44 –

In the Fourth Commandment, we transition from commands that direct us in our love toward God to commands that direct our lives with our neighbor.

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Honor your father and your mother, that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God, so that we do not despise our parents or superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love and esteem them.

QUESTIONS

1. Whom does God mean by parents and superiors in the Fourth Commandment?
 - a. Ephesians 6:1-3 –
 - b. Hebrews 13:7 –
 - c. Colossians 3:22-23 –
 - d. Romans 13:1 –
2. Why has God placed parents and superiors over us?
 - a. Ephesians 6:4 –
 - b. 1 Timothy 5:8 –
3. How should we honor parents and superiors and all others whom God has placed over us?
 - a. Genesis 46:29-30 –

- b. Matthew 17:24-27 –
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- 4. What is our duty to our country?
 - a. Matthew 22:21 –
 - b. Jeremiah 29:7 –
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- 5. What must we do if parents or superiors tell us to do what is wrong?
 - a. Acts 5:29 –
 - b. 1 Peter 2:19 –
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- 6. When do we sin against the Fourth Commandment?
 - a. Proverbs 30:17 –
 - b. Romans 13:2 –
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- 7. How did Jesus keep the Fourth Commandment in our place?
 - a. Luke 2:51 –

CONCLUSION

God promises those who keep the Fourth Commandment that they will be blessed in their earthly lives. When people do not honor their parents and superiors, they bring upon themselves trouble and sorrow. Only our Savior Jesus Christ has kept this command perfectly as God requires.