

LORD'S DAY 9 OF GOD THE FATHER

Q 26. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE WHEN YOU SAY:

“I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH?”

- A. *That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who of nothing made heaven and earth
with all that is in them,
who likewise upholds and governs the same
by His eternal counsel and providence,
is for the sake of Christ, His Son,
my God and my Father,
in whom I so trust as to have no doubt
that He will provide me with
all things necessary for body and soul;
and further,
that whatever adversity He sends upon me in this troubled life,
He will turn to my good;
for He is able to do it, being Almighty God,
and willing also, being a faithful Father.*

Genesis 1:31; Psalms. 33:6; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 11:3.
Psalms 104:2-5; Matthew 10:30; Hebrews 1:3; Psalms 115:3; Acts 17:24-25
John 1:12; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:5-7; Ephesians 1:5, 3:14-16; Matthew 6:8
Psalm 55:22; Matthew 6:25-26; Luke 12:22-24; Psalm 90:1-2
Romans 8:28; Acts 17:27-28
Romans 10:12
Matthew 7:9-11; Numbers 23:19

I suggest using a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. When we meet it will help to have something written that you can refer back to as we discuss the lessons and pray for each other.

As we enter the second part of the catechism our attention turns from our sin to our deliverance. Write down two or three attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ from each week's lesson.

LORD'S DAY 9: February 26 – March 4, 2016

SUNDAY: read the questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: read the following verses as grouped:
1 Corinthians 8: 6 and Isaiah 64: 8
Matthew 17: 1-5
Galatians 4: 4-7

What does it mean to speak of God as “Father” from each of these sets of verses?

TUESDAY: read Psalm 104: 24-30

What are some of the “natural” means that God uses to uphold everything he made?
How does this part of the catechism separate a Christian from a Deist?

WEDNESDAY: read John 16:27 and Romans 8: 14-16

Why can you call God “Father” - not just in a common, creaturely way; but as a true child of God?

THURSDAY: read Matthew 6:25-33, Luke 11: 11-13, Psalm 103: 12-14, John 10:27-29, and Hebrews 12: 5-11
Make a list of the things God gives to His children for body and soul.

FRIDAY: read Isaiah 40: 27-29 and 49: 14-16
What if God were good but not able? Or able but not good?

SATURDAY: Read the corresponding essay in *THE GOOD NEWS WE ALMOST FORGOT*. Write down any thoughts and/or questions that come to mind after reading the essay.