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Understanding Worship: How God Makes Us Christian

CLASS 13: The Witness of Our Worship

What is vanity?

How does the third commandment impact our behavior?

Instead of only seeing Ten Commandments as thematically separated, how might we see internal unity and flow (also similarly mirrored in Christ's summary of the Law)?

What can fervency in worship look like?

How is fervency a witness? (positive or negative)

What can hospitality at worship look like?

How is hospitality a witness? (positive or negative)

How does our attendance witness to *our* faith... and how does our attendance witness to *the* Faith?

Westminster Larger Catechism (modern English)

Q112. What does the third commandment require?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use in our thoughts, meditations, words, and writings of God's name, ... the word, sacraments, prayer ... and anything else by which he makes himself known. This treatment will be reflected in holy affirmations of our faith and conduct that matches our affirmations, to the glory of God and the good of ourselves and others.

Q113. What particular sins does the third commandment forbid?

A. The third commandment forbids: not using God's name as is required ... pretending to be religious or using religion for evil purposes ... being ashamed of it, or a shame to it by stubbornly refusing to obey him and by living unwisely, unfruitfully, or in such a way as to offend him or backslide away from him.

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The public worship being begun, the people are wholly to attend upon it, forbearing to read anything, except what the minister is then reading or citing; and abstaining much more from all private whisperings, conferences, salutations, or doing reverence to any person present, or coming in; as also from all gazing, sleeping, and other indecent behavior, which may disturb the minister or people, or hinder themselves or others in the service of God. If any, through necessity, be hindered from being present at the beginning, they ought not, when they come into the congregation, to betake themselves to their private devotions, but reverently to compose themselves to join with the assembly in that ordinance of God which is then in hand.

John Wesley, preface to hymnal, excerpt from "Rules for Singing"

Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^[a] ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that^[b] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

A Song of Praise. Of David.

Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall commend your works to
another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome
deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant
goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to the children of man your^[b]
mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations.

[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.^[c]]

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The Lord preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever
and ever.