

New City Catechism - Question 7

What does the law of God require?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done. **Matthew 22: 37-40**

- What is God's Law?
 - The revelation of His character and his holiness. (Psalm 19:7, Romans 7:12 Romans 7:7, Romans 3:20, Psalm 119:105, John 14:15, 1 John 5:3)

- Old Testament Law/ Old Covenant
 - Law from the Garden to Mt Sinai
 - First given to Adam (Genesis 2:15-17)

 - Moral Law throughout history from Adam to Moses
 - Genesis 26:4-5
 - Job 1:5
 - Genesis 30:33
 - Genesis 9:4-7
 - Genesis 18:20-21

- Written Law/ Mosaic Law and 10 Commandments
 - Pentateuch (Five Books) - The Torah
 - Genesis
 - Exodus
 - Leviticus
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy
 - Giving the Law to Israel
 - Exodus 24:3-8
 - Exodus 31:18
 - Ceremonial, Dietary and Judicial Laws
 - 10 commandments - Decalogue
 - Exodus 20:1-17
 - Deuteronomy 5:4-20
 - Commandments 1-4 focus on our duty to God (Love God)
 - Commandments 5-10 focus on our duty to others (Love Others)
 - Deuteronomy 32: 45-47
 - Fulfillment of the Law
 - Jesus Came to Fulfill the Law and Prophets
(Matthew 5:17-18, Luke 24:44, Romans 8:3-4, Acts 13:38-39, Romans 3:19-22, Ephesians 2:12-22)

- Requirements of the Law
 - Personal, Perfect, Perpetual Obedience
(Genesis 1:27, 1 John 5:2-3, Ezekiel 36:27, Philippians 1:6, Psalm 119)

 - Love God with all heart, soul, mind and Strength
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 22:37-40)

 - Love our neighbor as yourself
(Romans 13:8-10, Romans 8:3-4, Leviticus 19:17-18)

- Various views of the Law and its application today
 - Legalism

 - Antinomianism

 - Theonomy