



A Year with the Catechism

(In preparation for next week.)

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Bible Passages

Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it. [*Luke 11:28*]

He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God. [*John 8:47*]

He who listens to you listens to Me; he who rejects you rejects Me; but he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me. [*Luke 10:16*]

I love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells. [*Psalms 26:8*]

This is the one I esteem; he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My Word. [*Isaiah 66:2*]

Do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath Day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. [*Colossians 2:16-17*]

Weekly Catechism Reading

Sunday: Exodus 16:1-35

Monday: p. 74 – Central Thought & Part 48

Tuesday: p. 75 – Part 49

Wednesday: p. 75-76 – Part 50

Thursday: p. 77-78 – Part 51

Friday: p. 78-79 – Part 52

Saturday: p. 79 – Part 53-End



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Devotion

Bible Readings

Exodus 20:8-11

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“All right, Timmy! You need a time out!” Timmy’s mother was angry with him because he had forgotten to do his chores and went out to play, instead. When Timmy’s mom said something to him, he just ignored her, so she gave him a time out to think about his responsibilities and how to show respect for his parents.

George was tired. He had worked for 10 straight days without a day off. He was really looking forward to taking a time out and rediscovering that there was more to life than just working. George was going up to the cabin his father owned and he was going to enjoy some fishing, and swapping of fish stories around the fire.

When God created the universe, He took a time out to rest. God gives us a time out from our busy lives and gives us a time of rest, too. But do we see our time out like Timmy’s: a time that we must endure each week and be told what we are supposed to do, or is it like George’s, a time when we remember what has been done for us, a time to relax in the blessings God has given? God wants our Sabbath to be like George’s time of rest, a time when we come to our Father’s house to be restored and renewed. God gave us the Sabbath to devote our time to being refreshed by His Word and “let tomorrow worry about itself.” c(Mt. 6:34) This week, and every week from now on, look forward to the day of rest God gave us, and the peace we have because of Christ’s work for us.

Prayer

God, there is no name so great and wonderful as Your Name. You are the creator of all things and by Your Name we have been given new life in Jesus Christ. We ask You to help us use Your Name in ways that glorify You. Amen.