

LAW GRACE

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Key Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:15-31

Seek the Lord with All Your Heart!

The Risk of Idolatry

- Idolatry is a subtle and relentless temptation for all of us.

The Objects of Idolatry

- Idols are created objects given to us by God.

The Act of Idolatry

- We are drawn away from God to bow down and serve something or someone else.

The Offense of Idolatry

- Idolatry to God is like abandonment to us.

The Defense against Idolatry

- Seek God with all your heart.

New City Catechism

Question 9

What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

Scripture to Memorize

"Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!"

- **Psalm 119:1-3**

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At present, the practice of catechesis, particularly among adults, has been almost completely lost. Modern discipleship programs concentrate on practices such as Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and evangelism and can at times be superficial when it comes to doctrine. In contrast, the classic catechisms take students through the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer—a perfect balance of biblical theology, practical ethics, and spiritual experience.

