

Theology Simply Explained — WSC43 The Preface to the Ten Commandments

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 43: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments? **The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**

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So the Catechism question this week is what is the preface to the Ten Commandments and the answer is the preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words. And the Lord thy God, which have brought the out of the land of Egypt out of the house of bondage. Now next week, we're going to be hearing the catechism question will be about, what does the preface to the Ten Commandments?

Teach us or something to that effect. So this week, we're just noticing the fact that there is a preface, and I think it is important to notice that the preface to the Ten Commandments mentions, the Lord thy God, and that it is attached. Really to the first commandment. The second commandment says the Lord die.

The Lord thy God, Emma. Jealous. God visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, to the third and fourth generation of them. That hate me. So, he makes the point that he has covenantally joined himself to his people. And the third commandment, he says that the Lord will not hold him.

Guiltless, you take at the name of his taketh, his name in vain. He shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. So he uses that covenantal connection of God with his people. And the fourth commandment he says, for the seventh is the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, which would make the first commandment, the only commandment in the first table.

The law that did not have this explicit covenantal connection statement, but it is in the preface, The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought the out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And so, we'll talk more about this next week.

But just noticing the fact that there is a preface that the Lord places his command in the context of who he is and who they are, and the relationship that he has made between them and what he has done what he has done for them. So, there's a context for this particular expression of the moral law that we call the Ten Commandments, and it's important to read and understand the commandments in that context.

That's something that as we have gone through each of the commandments in the Lord's Day evening sermons. So we finished up the decalog this week that I've been trying to show the relationship between God and His people, and how that informs our understanding of each of the commandments.