

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC39 “Learning What to Obey and How”

**Pastor walks his children through** Westminster Shorter Catechism question 39—especially explaining **how our duty includes not only obedience to God’s law but attendance upon Him in the means of His grace in order to keep His law.**

Q39. What is the duty which God requireth of man? ***The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to His revealed will.***

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Our shorter catechism this week. Is sort of catechism 39, what is the duty? Which God requireth of man, the answer is the duty which God requireth of, man. As obedience to his revealed will,

The scripture teaches us what man is to believe concerning God and what Duty God requires a man And so for the last 34 catechism questions or so. Maybe 36 catechism, questions or so. We have been hearing, especially what man is to believe concerning God and now we come to That Duty which God requireth of man.

And it is the obedience to his revealed will. The the revealed things which belong. Um, to us and to our children. So that we may know his Commandments and to do them Uh, as Deuteronomy 29. Uh, 29. Teaches God has not kept far from us or Hidden from us.

Um, What we are to do. And he tells us what we are to do. Uh, really. After two different manners, one are all of the Commandments that are really The law as far as the Applications to our lives of the implications. Of his. Character of his nature of his attributes.

Uh, and so the Commandments that we are to obey. Uh, in order to be. Uh, those who live? And speak in a way that is conformed to the character of God, that images him properly. But because he himself is our life and Uh, goodness our righteousness for doing these things.

Uh, there is much that is given by way of commandment and we would We would not be wrong to call it law or instruction from God. Uh, but it's really about the means of Grace. How? God has given to us to draw near to him, how God has given to us to depend upon him.

And so, the catechism is going to Focus first upon. The moral law which was at first revealed to us, Uh, which is summarized in the Ten Commandments which are summarized in the two great Commandments. Uh, but then it's going to Uh move on to how it is that we come to be United to Christ and how it is or those actions, by which the Lord has instructed us.

Work out our salvation. Uh, work out and apply and receive the benefits of our Union with Christ. And so, Proper use of his word. And sacraments and prayer. And so forth. But the duty which God requireth of, man. Is obedience to his revealed. It is not. Uh, to find out.

Um, or come up with Uh, things to give God that are our idea. But we are to give him what he has plainly told us and we are to do that. And find. Ability to do that by the manner, and by the actions, by the means. That he has told us as well.

So well, what is the duty? Which God requireth command Duty. Which God requireth of man is obedience. To his revealed will.