

LESSON 11: SERVE GOD ALONE

Memory work

94. Q. What does the LORD require in the first commandment?

A. *That for the sake of my very salvation*

I avoid and flee

all idolatry, witchcraft, superstition, and prayer to saints or to other creatures.

Further,

that I rightly come to know the only true God,

trust in Him alone,

and love, fear, and honour Him with all my heart.

In short,

that I forsake all creatures

rather than do the least thing against His will.

95. Q. What is idolatry?

A. *Idolatry is*

having or inventing something in which to put our trust

instead of, or in addition to,

the only true God who has revealed Himself in His Word.

Homework

1. (6) For the first few questions, you may need to do some research on the internet.

What is the name of the god Muslims worship? _____

Are Muslims idolaters? _____

What do Sikhs worship? _____

Are Sikhs idolaters? _____

What do Humanists worship? _____

Are Humanists idolaters? _____

EITHER complete the questions below OR do the exercise on the other side of this sheet.

2. (2) Are Christians allowed to take out insurance, or should they trust that God will prevent their

house from burning down? _____ because _____

3. (3) Imagine you're going to take the E-liner bus to Kamloops. Someone comes to you and says "I've got seat number 13. Would you mind swapping with me?" What would you say/do?

The Hymn 11 project

In our Book of Praise, Hymn 11 is a rhymed version of the ten commandments. A down side to it is that sometimes sections of the law are combined into one stanza.

Thus stanza 2 is about the preface to the law and the first commandment.

In lesson 10 we saw how stanza 2 could be made to be just about the preface to the law. Here it is again, the changes are indicated by underlined italics.

Current Hymn 11:2	Alternative Hymn 11:2
I am the Lord, your God and Saviour, who out of slav'ry set you free, who brought you from the land of Egypt. Have, then, no other gods but me.	I am the LORD, your God and Saviour Who out of slav'ry set you free <u><i>Redeemed by blood you're saved from evil.</i></u> <u><i>Henceforth our covenant will be.</i></u>

If this is becomes stanza 2 we now need a new stanza on just the first commandment. Currently it's just the last line of stanza 2: "Have, then, no other gods but me." That needs to be expanded to four lines.

Look carefully at the catechism answers 93 and 94 and compose a stanza for Hymn 11 that is just about the first commandment. Make sure you get the right number of syllables in each line!
