

## Question 74

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### Q74. What do the first four commandments teach?

#### A74. Our duty to God.

*Scripture Base:* Ex. 20:3-8, 32; Micah 6:8.

*Doctrine:* WCF 19:2 SC 42

#### Supplementary Questions.

1. What does the word “duty” mean?

2. What is your duty to God?

3. Why should you obey God?

Songs: “The Greatest Commandment” & “The Ten Commandments”- Judy Rogers

#### Teaching Notes

Review Q.72 How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? - *Ten*  
Q.73 What are the Ten Commandments sometimes called? – *The Decalogue.*

Story: Ex.32:The Golden Calf . The Lord takes His worship seriously. The Jews proclaimed a feast to Yahweh – apparently intending to worship Him – but made a calf clearly in violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment.

#### Questions

1. The word “duty” refers to the things you should or should not do.

Eg. What is your duty to your parents? You are to speak respectfully to and about them (honor). You are to obey and not disobey them. You are to love them, etc. This is what you should do; this is your duty.

2. Your conscience and the Bible tell you your duty to God. Examples from conscience - you should love the One who made you; you should honor and worship the One who made you. Scripture: “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

*What does He tell you that you must do?* (Preview the first 4 commandments)  
- You must have Him as your God, because He is the only true God (Ex. 20:3).  
- You must worship Him in the way He tells you to worship (vv. 4-6).  
- You must treat His name as very special & keep the promises you make to Him  
- You should rest on His holy day (the Sabbath) and worship Him on it (v. 8).

3. Because: He made you, and you belong to Him - Psalm 139:13-14;  
He takes care of you - James 1:17;  
He has provided salvation for you through His Son - John 3:16-17.

Gospel: Do you take your duty to God seriously? Are you trying to obey Him? How well have you obeyed Him? The Bible says you came into the world guilty of Adam’s sin. It says you have disobeyed God from the time you came into the world until now. It tells you that the penalty for your sins is death. But it also tells you that God, out of His great love, sent His Son to die for sinners, so that if you will only believe in Him and trust Him to save you, you will be saved.

*Have you trusted in Jesus to forgive you and save you?*

Activity: Draw pictures to complete the Golden Calf worksheet.

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