

Zion Lutheran Church wide study of the Catechism

Week 12 April 17th.

Summation of the 10 commandments:

- *What does God say about all these commandments?*
- “I the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” Exodus 20: 5-6

What does this mean?

- God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

What does God threaten to do all ho hate Him and break His commandments?

- God threatens earthly punishment, physical death, and eternal damnation. Check out: Lev. 26:18, Romans 6:23 and Galatians 3:10.

Why does God threaten such punishment?

- God threatens such punishment to make us fear His anger, so that we do not act against His commandments. Check out: Eccl. 12:13-14 and Matt. 10:28.

How does God bless those who love Him and keep His commandments?

- He showers those who believe in Him and their God fearing descendants with His constant love and good gifts. 1 Timothy 4:8 Godliness has value for all things holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

The Bible narrative is: God blessed Job for his faithfulness Job 42: 10-17.