

Question 79

Name _____

Q79. Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey Him?

A79. Yes; “God is angry with the wicked every day.”

Scripture Base: Ps. 7:11, 51; Rom. 5:18-19, 8:6-8; Matt 10:14-15, 25: 31-46; 2 Tim 3:4; Rev. 20:15.

Doctrine: WCF 6:6 SC 18, 19

Supplementary Questions.

1. Why is God angry if we refuse to love and obey Him?
2. Why would you want to refuse to love and obey God when He has shown you so much kindness?
3. What will God do to those who anger Him and refuse to repent and obey Him?

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

Teaching Notes

Review: Q78: Is God pleased with those who love and obey Him?
- Yes; He says, “I love them that love me.”

Story: (Sheep &) Goat judgment - Matt. 25:31-46

Supplementary Questions

1. *He deserves to be loved and obeyed*

- a. He is worthy to be loved (He is infinitely & perfectly beautiful/holy & good, so it is the right thing to do). We are sinning if we don't love Him. (*Luke 6:35*)
- b. God made you to love and serve Him, and when you refuse to do this, you are rebelling against His purpose for you. (*Psalms 78:40*)
- c. It is very ungrateful not to love & obey God in return for His giving you life & everything you need to stay alive. (*Acts. 14:16-17, Rom. 1:21*)
- d. God has offered you a gift of infinite worth – salvation; to refuse to love Him in return & to obey His command to repent & believe is very sinful. (*Mt. 10:14-15; Lk 10:10-11*)

2. *Because of our sin*

- a. We are born with sin in our hearts (*Ps. 51*)
- b. Sin is really hatred of God (*John 3:20; Rom. 8:6-8*)
- c. Sin is loving ourselves and wanting to do what we want to do, rather than loving God and doing what He wants us to do. (*2 Tim. 3:4; 1 John 3:4*)
This corruption in your heart causing you to break God's commandments is why you find it difficult, if not impossible, to obey God.

3. *He will cast them into the lake of fire* (*Rev. 20:15, 22:15*).

Gospel: *Are you a sheep or a goat?*

When you choose to do what you want rather than what God wants you to do, you show that you love yourself more than God. It may even show that you actually hate Him. If you do hate Him and refuse to obey Him, God is angry with you and is your enemy. If you were to die in this condition, the Lord would not receive you into heaven, but send you to hell. What can you do about this? How can you overcome your sin and love and obey God? There is only one thing you can do: Turn to Jesus as your Lord and Savior. God offers to take away your sins and to give you His Spirit if you will turn from your sins and trust in Jesus. If you can't do this, you need to pray that Jesus would give you His Spirit to change your heart, even as He told Nicodemus, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (*John 3:5*). Ask Him every day to change your heart until you know that you love Him and show that you do by obeying Him.

Activity: Finish ‘Throne picture’ with 2 goats on right side.

Songs: Greatest Commandment, 10 Commandments - J Rogers