

# Lord's Day 5

12. Q. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favour?

A. God demands that his justice be satisfied. Therefore we must make full payment, either by ourselves or through another.

1. Ex 20:5; 23:7; Rom 2:1-11.
2. Is 53:11; Rom 8:3, 4.

13. Q. Can we by ourselves make this payment?

A. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.

1. Ps 130:3; Mt 6:12; Rom 2:4, 5.

14. Q. Can any mere creature pay for us?

A. No.  
In the first place,  
God will not punish another creature  
for the sin which man has committed.  
Furthermore,  
no mere creature can sustain  
the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin  
and deliver others from it.

1. Ezek 18:4, 20; Heb 2:14-18.
2. Ps 130:3; Nahum 1:6.

15. Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

A. One who is a true  
and righteous  
man,  
and yet more powerful than all creatures;  
that is, one who is at the same time true God.

1. 1 Cor 15:21; Heb 2:17.
2. Is 53:9; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 7:26.
3. Is 7:14; 9:6; Jer 23:6; Jn 1:1; Rom 8:3, 4.