

Heritage OPC: Sunday School

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 28. *What are the punishments of sin in this world?*

A. The punishments of sin in this world are either inward, as blindness of mind,^a a reprobate sense,^b strong delusions,^c hardness of heart,^d horror of conscience,^e and vile affections;^f or outward, as the curse of God upon the creatures for our sakes,^g and all other evils that befall us in our bodies, names, estates, relations, and employments;^h together with death itself.ⁱ

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Eph 4:18 | b. Rom 1:28 |
| c. 2 Thess 2:11 | d. Rom 2:5 |
| e. Isa 33:14, Gen 4:13, Matt 27:4 | f. Rom 1:26 |
| g. Gen 3:17 | h. Deut 28:15, see verses 16-68 |
| i. Rom 6:21-23 | |

Inward Punishment

1. Blindness of Mind – Eph 4:17-18
2. Hardness of Heart
 - a. What does it look like? – Matt 15:18-20
 - b. How does a person receive a hardened heart?
 - i. Original Sin
 - ii. God Hardens: Divine Sovereignty – Ex 7:3-4, Rom 9:17, Rom 9:20
 - iii. Human Responsibility – Ex 7:3, Jn 12:37-40, Heb 3:7-19
3. Strong Delusions – 2 Thess 2:11-12
4. Reprobate Sense – Rom 1:28
 - a. Reprobate: doctrine of predestination to damnation – God passing over certain individuals for salvation
 - b. 2 Tim 3:8
 - c. Tit 1:16
5. Vile Affections – Rom 1:25-27
 - a. Act AND passion of homosexuality
 - b. Why is this so bad? Rom 1:25
6. Horror of Conscience
 - a. Rom 2:14-15, Matt 27:3-5
 - b. Seared Conscience – 1 Tim 4:2, Rom 1:32

Outward Punishment

1. Curse Upon the Creatures – Gen 3:17-19
2. All Other Evils – Deut 28:15, 16-68
 - a. Bodily – Deut 28:27
 - b. Names – Deut 28:25
 - c. Estates – Deut 28:29
 - d. Relations – Deut 28:30a, 32
 - e. Employments – Deut 28:30b
3. Why Do the Wicked Prosper?
 - a. God uses wicked people to execute his will

Heritage OPC: Sunday School
Westminster Larger Catechism

- b. Common Grace – Matt 5:45
- c. Be careful what you ask for
- d. Do not envy the wicked – Ps 73:1-3
- e. Be careful how you inquire of God
 - i. Job’s Mistake’s
 - 1. His question - Job 21:7-9
 - 2. His arrogance – Job 13:3,15,18
 - ii. God’s answer: Job 38-41
 - iii. Job’s response: Job 40:4-5, 42:1-6

Death

- 1. Rom 6:23
- 2. Why didn’t God kill Adam and Eve right away? – Gen 2:17
 - a. Their death is physical AND spiritual
 - b. God’s mercy is put on display
- 3. This last great enemy has been defeated by Christ – 1 Cor 15:20-27