

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **101. But may we swear reverently by the name of God?**

Yes, when the magistrate requires it, or when it may be needful otherwise, to maintain and promote fidelity and truth to the glory of God and our neighbor's good; for such an oath is grounded in God's Word,<sup>1</sup> and therefore was rightly used by the saints in the Old and New Testaments.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Deut 6:13, 10:20; Isa 48:1; Jer 4:1-2; Heb 6:16; <sup>2</sup> Gen 21:24, 31:53-54; Josh 9:15, 19; 1 Sam 24:22; 1 Kgs 1:29-30; Rom 1:9; 2 Cor 1:23