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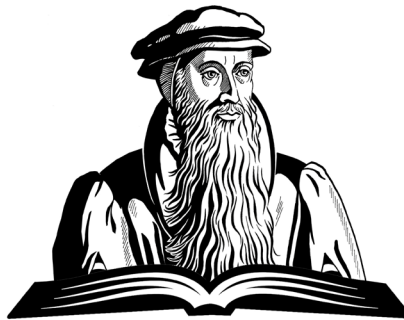
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for Lecture #30

**The Duty Required of Man**  
*Catechism Questions 39, 40, 41, & 42*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #30

## The Duty Required of Man

### Memorization

**Question 39:** *What is the duty which God requireth of man?*

**Answer:** *The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.*

**Question 40:** *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

**Answer:** *The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.*

**Question 41:** *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?*

**Answer:** *The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.*

**Question 42:** *What is the sum of the ten commandments?*

**Answer:** *The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: a survey of the ten commandments.
2. Our duty revealed.
3. Our duty clarified.
4. Our duty summarized.
4. Conclusion.

### Literal Study

1. Define these key words as they are used in the lecture:

a) Duty \_\_\_\_\_

b) Moral \_\_\_\_\_

c) Summarily comprehended \_\_\_\_\_

d) Obedience \_\_\_\_\_

5. Paraphrase the answers to Questions #39, 40, 41, and 41, or put it into your own words.

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**Lecture Checkup**

1. Why does the *Catechism* introduce God's law now?

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2. Who does God require to perform this duty? Is it just for certain people?

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3. What is God's revealed will?

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4. What are the three categories of the law in the Old Testament? Which two were ceased to be required?

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5. Where was God's moral law first revealed?

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6. How do we know that the Ten Commandments are the summary of the moral law?

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7. How do we know that the Ten Commandments were meant to express, for all time, and to all men, what God requires of mankind?

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8. How is it that love summarized obedience?

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9. How does the Lord Jesus Christ teach the relationship between love and obedience?

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10. How do we know that love fulfils the law? Does it mean that love replaces the law? Explain.

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**Further Studies**

1. What is the difference between God's secret will and God's revealed will?

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2. Can any man attain to eternal life by obedience to the moral law?

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3. Why then was the law given, when righteousness and life were not attainable by the keeping of it?

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4. When men are brought and joined by faith to Christ, does the moral law cease to be of any further use to them?

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**Practical Application**

1. What kind of obedience does God require of you and me? Is obedience optional? Can we just choose not to obey?

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2. Can you and I ever hope to obey God and offer him what is required in his revealed will without Christ working in us? What does this imply to us?

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**Project Ideas**

Memorize all of the Ten Commandments, either from Exodus 20 or Deuteronomy 5.