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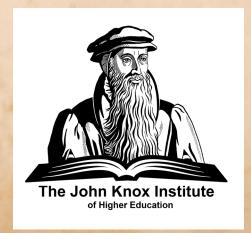
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Memorization

Question 105: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

Answer: In the fifth petition (which is, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors") we pray, That God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Lecture Structure

- 1. Introduction.
- 2. A humble acknowledgment.
- 3. A requested forgiveness.
- 4. A gracious encouragement.
- 5. Applications.

Basic Questions for Question and Answer 105

1. What does the word "debts" mean as it is used in this lecture?
2. Paraphrase the answer to this question or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. Our sins make us indebted to God.
Luke 11:4
Romans 6:23
Psalm 25:11
2. We pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins. Matthew 3:17
2 Corinthians 5:21
Galatians 3:13
Romans 3:26
3. When we are willing to forgive others their sins against us, we are showing evidence that God has been gracious to us. Matthew 18:23–35
Matthew 7:11
Luke 17:7
<u>Lecture Checkup</u>
1. Why does Christ use the words "our debts" in this petition? What does he mean?

2. What is this debt? Who are we indebted to? How does the Bible prove that?
3. What is the humble acknowledgment that we learn from this petition? What are we acknowledging?
4. Why is it that we cannot fully measure this debt against God?
5. On what do we base our request for forgiveness of our debts to God? Is it because of anything in us?
6. What is our great confidence that we will be forgiven? How is this truth declared in the Bible?
7. What is the particular way that God's grace is shown in the life of a true believer with regard to forgiveness?

8. What does it mean to forgive someone? Is it just saying the words, "I forgive you," or is it more? Explain.
9. Why is it a contradiction for a Christian to not forgive others? How did the Lord Jesus illustrate that contradiction in a parable?
10. How is it an encouragement that Christians are given the grace to forgive others?
Practical Application
1. After what we have learned in this lecture, answer the question that Rev. Mattull posed in his introduction: <i>How can we, who have sinned against this God in heaven, hope to have any enjoyment of him and his blessings in this life?</i>
2. This petition presents us with a serious matter and glorious hope. What is your response when it comes to forgiving others? Have you been enabled to forgive others because God has forgiven you?