

Scripture and Catechism Exercises 2019-2020

Exercise 1

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Old Testament

1. Read Numbers 13.

(a) What instruction did God give to Moses at the beginning of this chapter? (2)

(b) What were the spies to report about? (3)

(c) What evidence did they bring back to show how fertile the land of Canaan was? (3)

(d) The 10 spies brought back a report that discouraged the people. What did the report say? (2)

2. Read Numbers 14.

(a) How did the people respond to the evil report that the spies brought? (verses 1-4,10) (4)

(b) What reasons did Caleb and Joshua give for seeing things differently? (verses 6-9) (3)

(c) How did God visibly show His displeasure with the people? (1)

(d) What did God threaten to do because of the people's unbelief? (2)

(e) What arguments did Moses use in pleading with God to spare the people? (verses 13-19) (4)

(f) How were the people finally punished for their unbelief? (verses 28-33) (3)

(g) Look back to verse 24. Why was Caleb exempted from the punishment suffered by the rest of the Israelites? (2)

3. This story is referred to in Hebrews 3. Find and write out a verse which contains a warning to us in case we fall into the same sin. (2)

New Testament

1. Read Luke 7:1-10.

(a) Write down the evidence given that the centurion was

(1) a kind master (2) a benevolent ruler (3) a humble man (6)

(b) What reason did he give for believing that Jesus could heal his servant from a distance? (2)

(c) Why was it particularly surprising that the centurion should have had greater faith than everyone in Israel? (1)

2. This story is also told in Matthew chapter 8. Find and write out 2 consecutive verses which were a warning to the Jews (and to us) not to be content with outward privileges. (4)

3. Find and write out a verse near the beginning of Hebrews 11 that speaks of the supreme importance of faith in God. (3)

Memory Exercise

Learn by heart and write from memory the answer to Question 86 in the Shorter Catechism: What is faith in Jesus Christ? (3)

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