

Scripture and Catechism Exercises 2019-2020

Exercise 3

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Senior Section (15 years old and over)

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Old Testament

1. The questions are based on Joshua 23 and 24.

(a) Why did Joshua call all the elders of Israel together? (1)

(b) He reminded them of two things: what God had already done for them, and what God was promising to do. What were they? (2)

(c) On what condition does the fulfilment of this promise depend? (see verses 6-8) (2)

(d) What would happen if they did not remain faithful to God and His laws? (2)

(e) What does Joshua mean by saying he is “going the way of all the earth”, and why do you think he calls it that? (2)

(f) Write out the argument that Joshua uses in verse 14 to encourage them to believe in God’s faithfulness. (2)

2. (a) Find five historical events that Joshua reminds the Israelites of, to encourage them to believe in God’s faithfulness. (5)

(b) What was Joshua’s personal resolve, regardless of whether the Israelites would follow him in this? (2)

(c) How did the people respond? (1)

(d) For what purpose did Joshua set up a stone under an oak tree? (2)

(e) In Judges we read of Israel's repeated failure to keep their covenant with God. What can we learn from this about the wisdom of relying solely on our resolve to serve God? (1)

New Testament

Read Acts 26, where we are told about Paul appearing before King Agrippa.

1. What reason is given by Festus at the end of chapter 25 for Paul's hearing before Agrippa? (2)

2. Why was Paul happy to have Agrippa as his judge? (1)

3. What does Paul say in defence of his way of life before his conversion? (2)

4. How had Paul persecuted the Christians? (4)

5. Describe his experience on the Damascus road. (4)

6. What reasons did Paul give for the Jews trying to kill him? (3)

7. Write out 2 consecutive verses where Paul argues that he is not contradicting the Jewish religion, but is a follower of Christ, who fulfilled the Old Testament Scriptures. (4)

8 What was Festus' response to Paul's defence? (1)

9. What was King Agrippa's response? (1)

10. Why do you think Agrippa thought differently? (2)

11. What was their final judgement concerning Paul? (1)

Memory Exercise

Learn by heart and write from memory the answer to Question 21 in the Shorter Catechism: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? (3)

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