

Scripture and Catechism Exercises 2023-2024

Exercise 1

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Old Testament

1. Read Numbers 22.

(a) Why was Balak afraid of the Israelites? (2)

(b) What did he ask Balaam to do and why? (2)

(c) What did the elders bring with them when they came to Balaam? (1)

(d) Why would Balaam not go with them? (2)

(e) How did Balak try to encourage him to come? (3)

(f) Why do you think Balaam asked God again if he could go? Read Jude 11 and 2 Peter 2:15-16. What can we learn about Balaam's character and motivations from these verses? (4)

(g) Describe how God warned Balaam not to disobey Him in verses 22-33. (8)

2. God only permitted Balaam to *bless* Israel. What did Balaam predict about them in chapter 23: (1) in verses 9-10 (2) in verse 21? (4)

3. Sadly Balaam did succeed in bringing trouble to Israel through tempting them to sin. Read Numbers 31:8. What happened to him in the end? (1)

4. In this passage we see that Baalam believed in God, spoke with Him and feared to offend Him. Why was this not enough? (1)

New Testament

Read John 4.

1. What evidence do we see in verses 6-8 that Jesus was a real man? (3)

2. Why was the woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her? (1)

3. Jesus offered her living water. What did she think He meant? What did He really mean? (4)

4. Why did Jesus tell her to call her husband? (1)

5. What do you think Jesus meant by saying that true worshippers worship in spirit and in truth? (2)

6. Find and write out a verse where Jesus makes clear that the Jewish way of worship was superior to the Samaritan way? (2)

7. What did the woman do after she had finished talking with Jesus? (2)

8. Why do you think she left her waterpot behind? (1)

9. How did the Samaritans respond to the woman's message? (See verses 39-42) (3)

Memory Exercise

Learn by heart and write from memory the answer to Question 80 in the Shorter Catechism: What is required in the tenth commandment? (3)

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