

- A. God promised that they would be his people to bring all the nations of the world to him.
- Q. What response did God require from the chosen people?
- A. God required the chosen people to be faithful; to love justice, to do mercy, and to walk humbly with their God.
- Q. Where is this Old Covenant to be found?
- A. The covenant with the Hebrew people is to be found in the books which we call the Old Testament.
- Q. Where in the Old Testament is God's will for us shown most clearly?
- A. God's will for us is shown most clearly in the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments

See pages 317 and 350.

- Q. What are the Ten Commandments?
- A. The Ten Commandments are the laws given to Moses and the people of Israel.
- Q. What do we learn from these commandments?
- A. We learn two things: our duty to God, and our duty to our neighbors.
- Q. What is our duty to God?
- A. Our duty is to believe and trust in God;
- I To love and obey God and to bring others to know him;
 - II To put nothing in the place of God;
 - III To show God respect in thought, word, and deed;
 - IV And to set aside regular times for worship, prayer, and the study of God's ways.

- Q. What is our duty to our neighbors?
- A. Our duty to our neighbors is to love them as ourselves, and to do to other people as we wish them to do to us;
- V To love, honor, and help our parents and family; to honor those in authority, and to meet their just demands;
 - VI To show respect for the life God has given us; to work and pray for peace; to bear no malice, prejudice, or hatred in our hearts; and to be kind to all the creatures of God;
 - VII To use all our bodily desires as God intended;
 - VIII To be honest and fair in our dealings; to seek justice, freedom, and the necessities of life for all people; and to use our talents and possessions as ones who must answer for them to God;
 - IX To speak the truth, and not to mislead others by our silence;
 - X To resist temptations to envy, greed, and jealousy; to rejoice in other people's gifts and graces; and to do our duty for the love of God, who has called us into fellowship with him.
- Q. What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments?
- A. The Ten Commandments were given to define our relationship with God and our neighbors.
- Q. Since we do not fully obey them, are they useful at all?
- A. Since we do not fully obey them, we see more clearly our sin and our need for redemption.

Sin and Redemption

- Q. What is sin?
- A. Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.