Westminster Larger Catechism Q and A 158-159

Q158: By whom is the word of God to be preached?

A158: The word of God is to be preached only by such as are sufficiently gifted,[1] and also duly approved and called to that office.[2]

1. [I Tim. 3:2](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Tim.%203.2), [6](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/I%20Tim%203.6); [Eph. 4:8-11](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Eph.%204.8-11); [Hosea 4:6](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Hos%204.6); [Mal. 2:7](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mal.%202.7); [II Cor. 3:6](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Cor.%203.6)  
2. [Jer. 14:15](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Jer.%2014.15); [Rom. 10:15](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%2010.15); [Heb. 5:4](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Heb.%205.4); [I Cor. 12:28-29](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Cor.%2012.28-29); [I Tim. 3:10](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Tim.%203.10); [4:14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/I%20Tim%204.14); [5:22](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/I%20Tim%205.22)

Q159: How is the word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

A159: They that are called to labor in the ministry of the word, are to preach sound doctrine,[1] diligently,[2] in season and out of season;[3] plainly,[4] not in the enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power;[5] faithfully,[6] making known the whole counsel of God;[7] wisely,[8] applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers;[9] zealously,[10] with fervent love to God [11] and the souls of his people;[12] sincerely,[13] aiming at his glory,[14] and their conversion,[15] edification,[16] and salvation.[17]

1. [Titus 2:1](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Titus%202.1), [8](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Titus%202.8)  
2. [Acts 18:25](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Acts%2018.25)  
3. [II Tim. 4:2](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Tim.%204.2)  
4. [I Cor. 14:19](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Cor.%2014.19)  
5. [I Cor. 2:4](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Cor.%202.4)  
6. [Jer. 23:28](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Jer.%2023.28); [I Cor. 4:1-2](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Cor.%204.1-2)  
7. [Acts 20:27](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Acts%2020.27)  
8. [Col. 1:28](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Col.%201.28); [II Tim. 2:15](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Tim.%202.15)  
9. [I Cor. 3:2](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Cor.%203.2); [Heb. 5:12-14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Heb.%205.12-14); [Luke 12:42](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2012.42)  
10. [Acts 18:25](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Acts%2018.25)  
11. [II Cor. 5:13-14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Cor.%205.13-14); [Phil. 1:15-17](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Phil.%201.15-17)  
12. [Col. 4:12](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Col.%204.12); [II Cor. 12:15](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Cor.%2012.15)  
13. [II Cor. 2:17](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Cor.%202.17); [4:2](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/II%20Cor%204.2)  
14. [I Thess. 2:4-6](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Thess.%202.4-6); [John 7:18](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%207.18)  
15. [I Cor. 9:19-22](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Cor.%209.19-22)  
16. [II Cor. 12:19](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Cor.%2012.19); [Eph. 4:12](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Eph.%204.12)  
17. [I Tim. 4:16](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Tim.%204.16); [Acts 26:16-18](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Acts%2026.16-18)

Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 65,84

Question 65. Since then we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits by faith only, whence does this faith proceed?  
  
Answer: From the Holy Ghost, who works faith in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and confirms it by the use of the sacraments.

**Q & A 84**

Question84. How does preaching the holy gospel  
open and close the kingdom of heaven?

Answer: According to the command of Christ:

The kingdom of heaven is opened  
by proclaiming and publicly declaring

to all believers, each and every one, that,  
as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith,  
God, because of Christ’s merit,  
truly forgives all their sins.

The kingdom of heaven is closed, however,  
by proclaiming and publicly declaring

to unbelievers and hypocrites that,  
as long as they do not repent,  
the wrath of God and eternal condemnation  
rest on them.

God’s judgment, both in this life and in the life to come,  
is based on this gospel testimony.1

1 [Matt. 16:19](http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Matt.%2016:19&version=nrsv); [John 3:31-36](http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=John%203:31-36&version=nrsv); [20:21-23](http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=John%2020:21-23&version=nrsv)

Westminster Larger Catechism Q and A 97-99.

Q97: What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?  
A97: Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ, be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works,[1] so as thereby they are neither justified [2] nor condemned;[3] yet, besides the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use, to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead, and for their good;[4] and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness,[5] and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.[6]

1. [Rom. 6:14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%206.14); [7:4](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom%207.4), [6](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom%207.6); [Gal. 4:4-5](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Gal.%204.4-5)  
2. [Rom. 3:20](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%203.20)  
3. [Gal. 5:23](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Gal.%205.23); [Rom. 8:1](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%208.1)  
4. [Rom. 7:24-25](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%207.24-25); [8:3-4](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom%208.3-4); [Gal. 3:13-14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Gal.%203.13-14)  
5. [Luke 1:68-69](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%201.68-69), [74-75](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%201.74-75); [Col. 1:12-14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Col.%201.12-14)  
6. [Rom. 7:22](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%207.22); [12:2](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom%2012.2); [Titus 2:11-14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Titus%202.11-14)

Q98: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?  
A98: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments, which were delivered by the voice of God upon mount Sinai, and written by him in two tables of stone;[1] and are recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. The four first commandments containing our duty to God, and the other six our duty to man.[2]

1. [Deut. 10:4](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Deut.%2010.4); [Exod. 34:1-4](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Exod.%2034.1-4)  
2. [Matt. 22:37-38](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt.%2022.37-38), [40](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2022.40)

Q99: What rules are to be observed for the right understanding of the ten commandments?  
A99: For the right understanding of the ten commandments, these rules are to be observed:  
1. That the law is perfect, and bindeth everyone to full conformity in the whole man unto the righteousness thereof, and unto entire obedience forever; so as to require the utmost perfection of every duty, and to forbid the least degree of every sin.[1]

2. That it is spiritual, and so reaches the understanding, will, affections, and all other powers of the soul; as well as words, works, and gestures.[2]  
3. That one and the same thing, in divers respects, is required or forbidden in several commandments.[3]  
4. That as, where a duty is commanded, the contrary sin is forbidden;[4] and, where a sin is forbidden, the contrary duty is commanded:[5] so, where a promise is annexed, the contrary threatening is included;[6] and, where a threatening is annexed, the contrary promise is included.[7]  
5. That what God forbids, is at no time to be done;[8] What he commands, is always our duty;[9] and yet every particular duty is not to be done at all times.[10]  
6. That under one sin or duty, all of the same kind are forbidden or commanded; together with all the causes, means, occasions, and appearances thereof, and provocations thereunto.[11]

7. That what is forbidden or commanded to ourselves, we are bound, according to our places, to endeavor that it may be avoided or performed by others, according to the duty of their places.[12]  
8. That in what is commanded to others, we are bound, according to our places and callings, to be helpful to them;[13] and to take heed of partaking with others in: What is forbidden them.[14]

1. [Psa. 19:7](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Ps.%2019.7); [James 2:10](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/James%202.10); [Matt. 5:21-22](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt.%205.21-22)  
2. [Rom. 7:14](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%207.14); [Deut. 6:5](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Deut.%206.5); [Matt. 5:21-22](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt.%205.21-22), [27-28](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%205.27-28), [33-34](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%205.33-34), [37-39](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%205.37-39), [43-44](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%205.43-44); [22:37-39](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2022.37-39)  
3. [Col. 3:5](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Col.%203.5); [Amos 8:5](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Amos%208.5); [Prov. 1:19](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Prov.%201.19); [I Tim. 6:10](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Tim.%206.10)  
4. [Isa. 58:13](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Isa.%2058.13); [Deut. 6:13](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Deut.%206.13); [Matt. 4:9-10](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt.%204.9-10); [15:4-6](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2015.4-6)  
5. [Matt. 5:21-25](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt.%205.21-25); [Eph. 4:28](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Eph.%204.28)  
6. [Exod. 20:12](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Exod.%2020.12); [Prov. 30:17](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Prov.%2030.17)  
7. [Jer. 18:7-8](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Jer.%2018.7-8); [Exod. 20:7](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Exod.%2020.7); [Psa. 15:1](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Ps.%2015.1), [4-5](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Psa%2015.4-5); [24:4-5](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Psa%2024.4-5)  
8. [Job. 13:7](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Job.%2013.7); [36:21](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Job%2036.21); [Rom. 3:8](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom.%203.8); [Heb. 11:25](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Heb.%2011.25)  
9. [Deut. 4:8-9](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Deut.%204.8-9)  
10. [Matt. 12:7](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt.%2012.7)  
11. [Matt. 5:21-22](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt.%205.21-22), [27-28](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%205.27-28); [15:4-6](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2015.4-6); [Heb. 10:24-25](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Heb.%2010.24-25); [I Thess. 5:22-23](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Thess.%205.22-23); [Gal. 5:26](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Gal.%205.26); [Col. 3:21](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Col.%203.21)  
12. [Exod. 20:10](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Exod.%2020.10); [Lev. 19:17](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Lev.%2019.17); [Gen. 18:19](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Gen.%2018.19); [Josh. 24:15](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Josh.%2024.15); [Deut. 6:6-7](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Deut.%206.6-7)  
13. [II Cor. 1:24](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Cor.%201.24)

14. [I Tim. 5:22](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Tim.%205.22)