

## Westminster larger Catechism

### Q. 143. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

### Q. 144. What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?

A. The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbour, as well as our own; appearing and standing for the truth; and from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, and in all other things whatsoever; a charitable esteem of our neighbours; loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name; sorrowing for, and covering of their infirmities; freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces, defending their innocency; a ready receiving of a good report, and unwillingness to admit of an evil report, concerning them; discouraging tale-bearers, flatterers, and slanderers; love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requireth; keeping of lawful promises; studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.

### Q. 145. What are the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the ninth commandment are, all prejudicing the truth, and the good name of our neighbours, as well as our own, especially in public judicature; giving false evidence, suborning false witnesses, wittingly appearing and pleading for an evil cause, outfacing and overbearing the truth; passing unjust sentence, calling evil good, and good evil; rewarding the wicked according to the work of the righteous, and the righteous according to the work of the wicked; forgery, concealing the truth, undue silence in a just cause, and holding our peace when iniquity calleth for either a reproof from ourselves, or complaint to others; speaking the truth unseasonably, or maliciously to a wrong end, or perverting it to a wrong meaning, or in doubtful and equivocal expressions, to the prejudice of truth or justice; speaking untruth, lying, slandering, backbiting, detracting, tale bearing, whispering, scoffing, reviling, rash, harsh, and partial censuring; misconstruing intentions, words, and actions; flattering, vain-glorious boasting; thinking or speaking too highly or too meanly of ourselves or others; denying the gifts and graces of God; aggravating smaller faults; hiding, excusing, or extenuating of sins, when called to a free confession; unnecessary discovering of infirmities; raising false rumors, receiving and countenancing evil reports, and stopping our ears against just defense; evil suspicion; envying or grieving at the deserved credit of any, endeavoring or desiring to impair it, rejoicing in their disgrace and infamy; scornful contempt, fond admiration; breach of lawful promises; neglecting such things as are of good report, and practicing, or not avoiding ourselves, or not hindering what we can in others, such things as procure an ill name.

# Cottonwood Community Church

January 3, 2010  
Second Sunday After Christmas

Sunday Devotion, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

**Psalms 82:1-8**

- (1) God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:**
- (2) "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
- (3) Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.**
- (4) Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- (5) They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**
- (6) I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;(7) nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."
- (8) Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!**
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Hymn # 57 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19:1-14

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

**Let us rehearse the articles of our belief.**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hades.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

**What do we chiefly learn in these articles of our belief**

First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifies me, and all the people of God.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Hymn # 56 This Is My Father's World

New Testament Reading: Matthew 11:4-6

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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**Rest Predestined**

John 6:60-71

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Congregational Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

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Hymn # 39

Benediction: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.