

The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 151. What are those aggravations that make some sins more heinous than others?

A. Sins receive their aggravations,

1. From the persons offending if they be of riper age, greater experience or grace, eminent for profession, gifts, place, office, guides to others, and whose example is likely to be followed by others.
2. From the parties offended: if immediately against God, his attributes, and worship; against Christ, and his grace; the Holy Spirit, his witness, and Workings against superiors, men of eminency, and such as we stand especially related and engaged unto; against any of the saints, particularly weak brethren, the souls of them, or any other, and the common good of all or many.
3. From the nature and quality of the offense: if it be against the express letter of the law, break many commandments, contain in it many sins: if not only conceived in the heart, but breaks forth in words and actions, scandalize others, and admit of no reparation: if against means, mercies, judgments, light of nature, conviction of conscience, public or private admonition, censures of the church, civil punishments; and our prayers, purposes, promises, vows, covenants, and engagements to God or men: if done deliberately, wilfully, presumptuously, impudently, boastingly, maliciously, frequently, obstinately, with delight, continuance, or relapsing after repentance.
4. From circumstances of time and place: if on the Lord's day, or other times of divine worship; or immediately before or after these, or other helps to prevent or remedy such miscarriages; if in public, or in the presence of others, who are thereby likely to be provoked or defiled.



Friday Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

Cottonwood Community Church

January 24 2010
Third Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

[Psalms 84:1-7](#)

(1) How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! (2) My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

(3) Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

(4) Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah

(5) Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

(6) As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

(7) They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

Hymn 244: Take My Life and Let It Be

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Hymn 253: Nearer My God To Thee

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Mark 7:31-8:10

Chorus

Rest In God's Season

Matthew 15:29-39

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.

Hymn 39: Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Benediction: Now the God of peace, that brought
again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great
shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the
everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every
good work to do his will, working in you that which
is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to
whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.