

## The Justice of God

## Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 4

1. GOD'S GLORY IS REVEALED: In Exodus 33-34, Israel's covenant God reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ and constancy of his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. After the rebellion of \_\_\_\_\_ with the golden \_\_\_\_\_, Moses intercedes on Israel's behalf.
  - b. Moses asks for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's covenant \_\_\_\_\_. The LORD responds by saying:
 

I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD' (Exodus 33:19).
  - c. This glorious and most mysterious encounter with God reveals his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ and is followed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his covenant promises (Exodus 34:6-7).
  
2. GOD'S JUSTICE IS GOOD: Despite the painful diagnosis that it requires regarding the consequences of our sin, we affirm the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. We rebelled willfully against \_\_\_\_\_, plunging ourselves into \_\_\_\_\_ and its consequences (Q&A 9).
  - b. God's justice requires the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Q&A 10).
 

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)
  - c. God is \_\_\_\_\_ just and merciful, and his attributes cannot \_\_\_\_\_ each other out. (Q&A 11)
  
3. GOD'S CHARACTER IS RELIABLE: This doctrine of God's \_\_\_\_\_ is precious because it reminds us of the reliability and unchanging nature of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. In this unity of God's justice and mercy we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
 

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)
  - b. The reliability God's justice promises the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
 

<sup>4</sup>For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
 evil may not dwell with you.  
<sup>5</sup>The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;  
 you hate all evildoers.  
<sup>6</sup>You destroy those who speak lies;  
 the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. (Psalm 5:4-6)
  - c. This reliability of God's character is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
 

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)