

God's Law and Wisdom**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 34f**

1. THE BIG IDEA: God's law is not arbitrary rules imposed upon the _____, but a _____ of reality.
 - a. We face a real and constant danger of viewing God's law as _____.
 - b. In the nations around Israel, laws were often viewed as _____ that wise kings _____, rather than rules imposed by mere power. This was the context in which laws in Leviticus and Deuteronomy were heard.
 - c. The books of Psalms and Proverbs are very clear in speaking of God's Word as _____ on reality and giving wisdom _____ the world.

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
 by understanding he established the heavens (Proverbs 3:19; cf. Proverbs 8:22-31)
 Your word is a lamp to my feet
 and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

2. WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LIFE: This is worth returning to repeatedly because we easily _____ it, especially in _____.
 - a. This must affect how we speak of God's law with _____.
 The goal is for them say with Psalm 119, "how sweet are your words to my taste" (103).
 - b. This should encourage us as we _____ with _____.
 - c. This should give us _____ as we _____ with a rebellious culture.

3. WHY THIS IS GOOD NEWS: These themes affect how we _____, receive, and _____ the gospel.
 - a. These themes direct our hearts to Christ, the _____ of _____, the eternal Son through whom the world was made.

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30).
 - b. This _____ in _____ should permeate our witness with gracious, non-anxious boldness.
 - c. As the Spirit gives us the life of wisdom, our own hearts are oriented to that which is _____, to the promise of dwelling in fellowship with Christ in the new creation.