

Sinners Before a Just God

Lord's Day 4
Psalm 5

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Introduction

1. As the Heidelberg Catechism (HC) develops the doctrine of sin, it helps us to think Biblically about sin.
2. We must see ourselves tonight as sinners before a just God.

The Horrible Guilt...Am I guilty before the just God?

1. As we stand before the holy, just God, His verdict is, "Guilty! You must be punished for your sins!" The question of the HC is, "Is this just? Is this right?"

2. God's verdict upon us as we stand before His majesty in His court of holiness is rightly, "Guilty!"

The Just Punishment (HC Question 10)

1. Those who are guilty deserve punishment.

2. The punishment we deserve is temporal.

3. This temporal judgment of God upon the wicked becomes the eternal torments of hell.

The Only Deliverance

1. How does God's mercy fit with His justice?

2. This is my identity – sinner saved by grace.