

Childrens Bread:

OR,

The First Principles of the Knowledge of GOD.

To Season the Heads and Hearts of Young Ones betimes.

By way of

QUESTION and ANSWER.

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*Train up a Child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it, Prov. 22. 6.*

*And that from a Child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, 2 Tim. 3. 15.*

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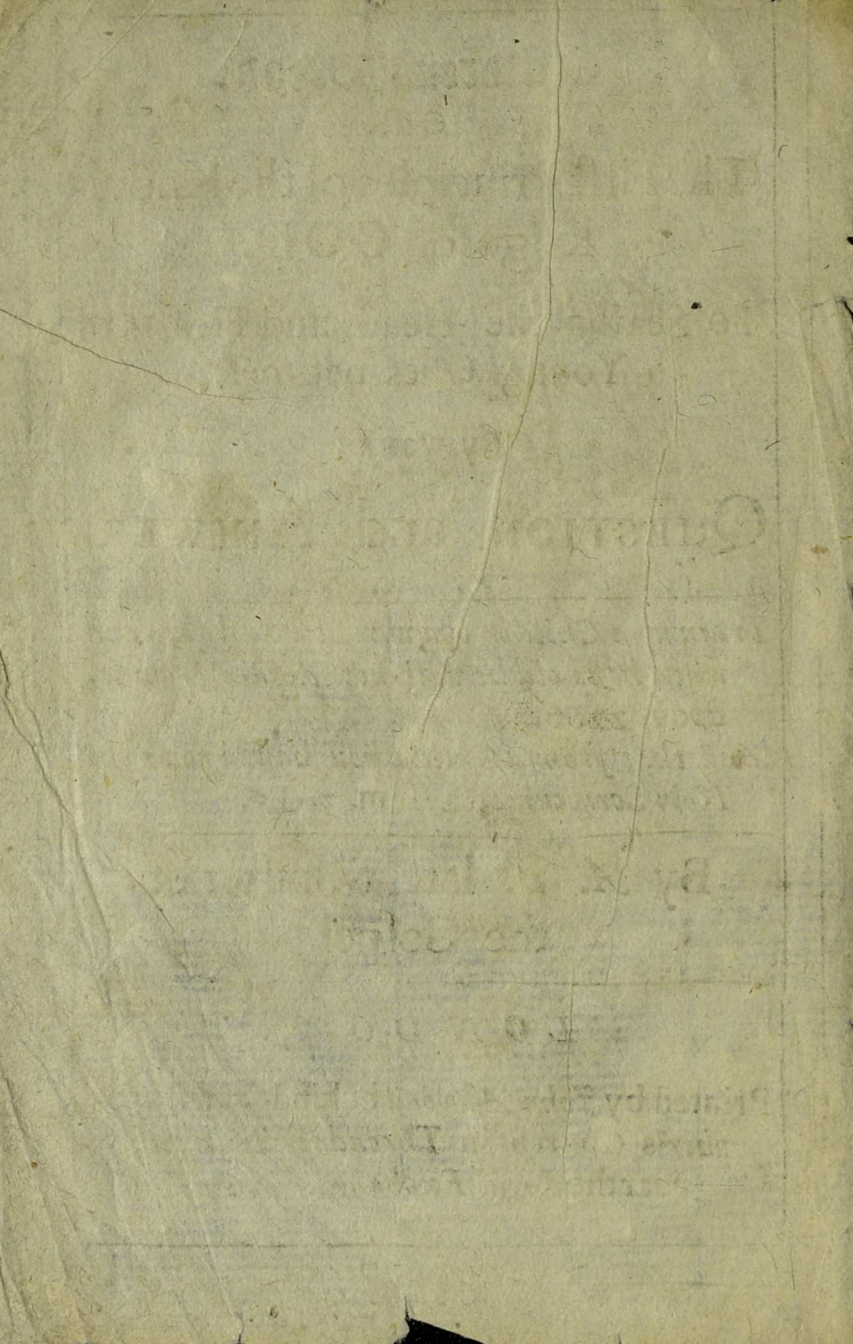
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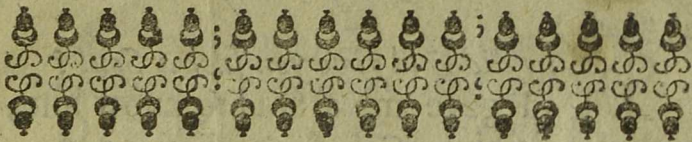
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ledge of GOD, &c.*

Quest. **W**Ho made you a living  
Soul?

Ans<sup>w</sup>. God, who  
made all things, made me a living Soul,  
*Gen. 2. 7. Psal. 139. 14.*

Q. *Who is God?*

A. God is a Spirit, the great, and holy,  
and good God, *Joh. 4. 24. Jer. 32. 18.*

Q. *Is there but one God?*

A. There is but one true and living  
God, in three Persons, the Father, Son, and  
Spirit, *1 Thes. 1. 9. 1 Ep. Joh. 5. 7.*

Q. *How is God known?*

A. God is known by his Works, and by

his holy Word, *Psal.* 102. 24. *Prov.* 2. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Q. *Why did God give you such a Soul ?*

A. God gave me a Soul to know him, and glorifie him, *Col.* 3. 10. *Rev.* 15. 4.

Q. *What will become of your Soul when you dye ?*

A. My Soul must go to God in Heaven, or else he damned in Hell Fire for ever, *Mat.* 25, last. *John* 5. 29.

Q. *How came your Soul to be in danger of Hell Fire ?*

A. Because I have sinned against God, I deserved eternal Damnation, *Psalms* 9. 17. *Rom.* 2. 9.

Q. *How came you to sin against God ?*

A. The first Man *Adam* sinned, and brake the Covenant of God, and I in him, *Rom.* 5. 18, 19. *Gen.* 2. 17.

Q. *What is the sin of your Nature ?*

A. My Nature is corrupted with sin, and hath the seed of all sin, *Psal.* 14. 1. *Psalms* 51. 5.

Q. *What is sin ?*

A. Sin is the breaking of Gods Commandments, *Dent.* 11. 27, 28. 1 *Ep.* *John* 3. 4.

Q. *How many are the Commandments of the Law ?*

A. The

A. The Law of God contains ten Commandments, written in *Exod. 20. Deut. 5.*

Q. What is the first Commandment?

A. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me, *Exod. 20 3.*

Q. What doth the first Commandment require?

A. To have one God for my God, and to love him above all things, *Deut. 6. 4, 5. Mat. 22. 37.*

Q. What is the second Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven Image, &c. *Exod. 20. 4, 5.*

Q. What is required in this Commandment?

A. To worship God according to his own Word, and not after mens inventions, *Mat. 15. 10. Isa. 29. 13.*

Q. What is the third Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, *Exod. 20. 7.*

Q. What doth the third Commandment require?

A. To think and speak of God with reverence and fear, and not to take his Name in vain, *Deut. 28. 58. Prov. 1. 7.*

Q. *What is the fourth Commandment?*

A. Remember that thou keep Holy the Sabbath-day, &c. *Exod. 20. 8.*

Q. *What doth this Commandment teach you?*

A. To keep the Lords-day holy, and not to spend it in vain sports and idle words, *Isa. 58. 13. Rev. 1. 10.*

Q. *What is the fifth Commandment?*

A. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, *Ex. 20. 12.*

Q. *What doth this Commandment of God teach you?*

A. To give Honour to all to whom it is due, and to obey my Parents in the Lord, *Tit. 3. 1. Eph. 6. 1, 2.*

Q. *What is the sixth Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt do no Murther, *Exod. 20. 13.*

Q. *What is required in the sixth Commandment?*

A. To do good to every one, and not to have angry thoughts or angry words, *Mat. 5. 21, 22. Prov. 19. 11.*

Q. *What is the seventh Commandment?*

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*A.* Thou shalt not commit Adultery,  
*Exod.* 20. 14.

*Q.* What is the meaning of this Commandment?

*A.* To keep my self from all Unclean-ness, and to be Chast in my thoughts and words, *Mat.* 5. 27, 28. *Eph.* 4. 19.

*Q.* What is the eighth Commandment?

*A.* Thou shalt not steal, *Exod.* 20. 15.

*Q.* What doth this Commandment forbid?

*A.* It forbids me to take any thing that is anothers, or to spend what is mine own vainly, *Ephes.* 4. 28. *1 Cor.* 6. 10.

*Q.* What is the ninth Commandment?

*A.* Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour, *Exod.* 20. 16.

*Q.* What is the duty of the ninth Commandment?

*A.* It requires the speaking truth to others, and forbids lying, *Zach.* 8. 16. *Ephes.* 4. 25.

*Q.* What is the tenth Commandment?

*A.* Thou shalt not Covet, &c. *Exod.* 20. 17.

*Q.* What is required in the tenth Commandment?

*A.* To be content with those things that I have, and not to have a covetous heart, *Luke 12. 32. Heb. 13. 5.*

*Q.* Have you kept these Commandments of God?

*A.* No : I have sinned by evil thoughts, and words, and deeds ; and come short of fulfilling the Law of God, *Mat. 15. 19. Rom. 3. 23.*

*Q.* What is due to you for sin ?

*A.* Sin hath brought the curse of God upon my Soul, and made me a Child of Wrath by Nature, *Gal. 3. 10. Ephes. 2. 3.*

*Q.* How may you escape the wrath and anger of God ?

*A.* God in his rich mercy hath revealed Salvation from sin by Jesus Christ, *John 2. 4. 1 Tim. 1. 15.*

*Q.* Who is Jesus Christ ?

*A.* Jesus Christ is the Son of God the Father, and he took our Nature upon him, and became God and Man in one Person, *Heb. 2. 16. 1 Tim. 3. 16.*

*Q.* Why was Jesus Christ made man ?

*A.* Jesus Christ was made Man that he might dye for our sins, and was raised from the dead, *Rom. 5. 8. 1 Cor. 15. 3.*

*Q.* Why



Q. *Why did Jesus Christ dye for us ?*

A. Jesus Christ died to redeem us from the Curse of the Law, and to work out Righteousness for us, *Gal. 3. 13. 1 Cor. 1. 30.*

Q. *Where is Jesus Christ ?*

A. Jesus Christ is sat down at the right hand of God in Heaven, *Heb. 1. 3. Heb. 8. 3.*

Q. *What does Jesus Christ do for us in Heaven ?*

A. 1. Jesus Christ is our High Priest in Heaven, to plead the shedding of his blood for us, and to pray for us, *1 Ep. John 2. 1, 2. Heb. 7. 25.*

2. Jesus Christ is our Prophet, to teach us by his Word and Spirit, *Mat. 17. 5. Acts 3. 22.*

3. Jesus Christ is a King, to Reign over us, *Acts 3. 35. Rev. 15. 3.*

Q. *How may you come to be partaker of this Salvation ?*

A. I may become partaker of Salvation, by coming to Jesus Christ as a poor lost sinner, to be washed from my sins in his blood, and to be justified by him, *Rev. 1. 5. Acts 13. 38, 39.*

Q. *How*

*Q. How doth God justify a sinner ?*

*A.* God in his free Grace forgives a poor sinner for Christ's sake, and imputes Christ's Righteousness to a Believer, *Rom.* 3. 24, 25. *Rom.* 4. 6.

*Q. How may you come to believe on Jesus Christ ?*

*A.* God works Faith in dead sinners by his Spirit, in hearing of the Gospel preached, *Rom.* 10. 17. *1 Thes.* 2. 13.

*Q. In what manner doth God work faith in the Soul ?*

*A.* 1. By convincing me of sin, and revealing Christ in the promise, *Luke* 7. 37. *John* 6. 37.

2. I must pray unto God to work Faith in me, and to reveal Christ to my poor soul, *2 Thes.* 1. 11. *Ephes.* 1. 17, 18.

*Q. How may you come to pray ?*

*A.* I must beg of God to give me his Holy Spirit, to help me to pray, *Luke* 11. 13. *Rom.* 8. 26.

*Q. How may you know the Spirit helpeth you in Prayer ?*

*A.* When I confess my sins, and humble my self to the Mercy and Grace of God by Jesus Christ, and beg all mercy  
and

and Grace for Christ's sake, 1 Ep. Joh. 1.  
9. Joh. 14. 13.

Q. How must you be found a Praying Child of God?

A. 1. I must pray to my Heavenly Father every Morning and Evening in secret, Mat. 6. 6. Psal. 45. 17.

2. I must also read some part of the Word of God, and pray that God will teach me by it, Prov. 6. 21, 22. 2 Tim. 3. 15.

Q. What is the work of the Spirit of God?

A. I must be born again of the Spirit, or never enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, Joh. 3. 3. 1 Pet. 1. 13.

Q. What is the fruit of being born again?

A. 1. I must be in Christ, and a new Creature in him, 2 Cor. 5. 17. Ephes. 2. 10.

2. I must press after all holiness in Christ Jesus, in heart and life, 1 Thes. 5. 14. 1 Pet. 1. 15.

Q. What is required of souls that thirst after more of Christ?

A. It is the duty of such as would have more of Christ, to join themselves

to a particular Church of Christ, *Acts 2. last.* *2 Cor. 8. 5.*

*Q. What is a Church of Christ ?*

*A.* A Church of Christ is a Congregation of Saints by profession, gathered by the Gospel, and joynd together to enjoy all Ordinances, and to Edifie one another in forbearance and love, *1 Cor. 1, 2. 1 Thes. 5. 11.*

*Q. What is the Covenant of Grace ?*

*A.* The Covenant of Grace is, Gods taking us to be his peculiar people, and our giving up our selves to him, that he may be our God for ever by Jesus Christ, *Gen. 17. 7. Isa. 56. 6.*

*Q. What be the Ordinances of the Covenant ?*

*A.* Baptism and the Lords Supper.

*Q. What is Baptism ?*

*A.* In Baptism, by the washing with Water, we are delivered up to the Name and Profession of Jesus Christ, *Mat. 28. last. Gal. 3. 27.*

*Q. What is the Lords Supper ?*

*A.* The Lords Supper is the shewing forth of the Death of Jesus Christ, and our Communion with his Body and Blood by Faith, in which forgiveness of  
sins

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sins is sealed to Believers, 1 Cor. 11. 36.

1 Cor. 10. 16.

*Q. When are you fit to partake of the Lords Supper?*

*A. When I can give up my self to Christ, and my heart is drawn after him, though I am weak in Faith, Rom. 14. 1. Rev. 22. 17.*

*Q. What Priviledge is there more, in being of a Church of Christ?*

*A. When I am in a Church, I am in a special manner in the Prayers of Saints, and to partake of all help and comfort from them, Isa. 5. 15, 16. Rom. 15. 1, 2.*

*Q. What is the further comfort of new-born Souls?*

*A. 1. If I am new born of the Spirit, I am a Child of God, an Heir of Heaven, John 1. 12, 13. Rom. 8. 16, 17.*

*2. I shall be kept by the power of God unto Salvation, 1 Pet. 5. 1 Thes. 5. 23.*

*Q. What farther great Priviledge have you, if you be a Child of God?*

*A. If*

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