

# CONFESSING OUR FAITH

## westminster larger catechism

### **Q 100. What special things are we to consider in the Ten Commandments?**

**A** We are to consider, in the Ten Commandments, the preface, the substance of the commandments themselves, and several reasons annexed to some of them, the more to enforce them.<sup>1</sup>

1. Eph. 6:1–3.

### **Q 101. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?**

**A** The preface to the Ten Commandments is contained in these words, *I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*<sup>1</sup> Wherein God manifesteth his sovereignty, as being JEHOVAH, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God;<sup>2</sup> having his being in and of himself,<sup>3</sup> and giving being to all his words<sup>4</sup> and works;<sup>5</sup> and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people;<sup>6</sup> who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivereth us from our spiritual thraldom;<sup>7</sup> and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.<sup>8</sup>

1. Ex. 20:2; Cf. Deut. 5:6. 2. Isa. 44:6. 3. Ex. 3:14. 4. Ex. 6:3. 5. Acts 17:24, 28. 6. Gen. 17:7; Rom. 3:29. 7. Luke 1:74–75; Gal. 5:1. 8. 1 Pet. 1:15–19; Lev. 18:30; Lev. 19:37.

### **Q 102. What is the sum of the four commandments which contain our duty to God?**

**A** The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind.<sup>1</sup>

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