The Way of Faith

GRADE 8

CHAPTER 21 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 21****.*

The First Commandment tells us to believe in God and love him above all else. It forbids worship of anyone or anything else.

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A *sacrilege* is a violation of and irreverence toward a person, a place, or an object that is sacred by virtue of being a public dedication to God.

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Occult practices are the direct worship of anything other than God. Such practices take one away from the true worship owed to God. Occult practices include astrology, spiritualism, magic, Satanism, idolatry, and superstition.

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A *cult* is a system of misguided religious beliefs that centers on a strong religious leader instead of God.

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A sin against faith is atheism. Sins against hope are despair and presumption.

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Following Jesus' example, we can share our deepest thoughts with God. Prayer is the way we talk to God. The four types of prayer are adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication.

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A *sacrifice* is a gift given to God. It is a sign of all the types of prayers we pray.

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The Second Commandment tells us to honor God's name and use it with love and respect.

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A vow is a free promise made to God to perform a good act not required for salvation.

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To swear is to take an oath. Anyone who lies under oath violates the Second Commandment and asks God to witness a lie. This is the sin of perjury. Other sins against the Second Commandment are profanity, cursing, and swearing. Blasphemy consists of words that insult the goodness of God or show hate for God.

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