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THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

1. What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

EXPLANATION.—*Man's Chief End*, The chief purpose for which every person is made. *To glorify God*, To know, love, trust, and obey God. *To enjoy God*, To feel pleasure in the thoughts of God's presence.

What is the chief end of man?..... I Cor x. 31: Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink
What is the chief end of man?..... Ps lxxiii. 25, 26: Whom have I in heaven

2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

The *word of God*, which is contained in the *Scriptures* of the Old and New Testaments, is the only *rule* to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

EXPL.—*Word of God*, The instructions contained in the Old and New Testament. *Scriptures*, Writings: the Bible is called the Holy Scriptures. *Rule*, Guide. *To direct*, to point out.

Where is the word of God contained?..... 2 Tim iii. 16: All Scripture is given by
What is the word of God, or the Old and New
Testament, the only rule to direct us how
We are to glorify and enjoy God?..... Isa viii. 20: To the law and to the testimony

3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures *principally* teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

EXPL.—*Principally*, More than anything else. *Concerning God*, About God.
What is the first thing the Scriptures teach?.... John v. 39: Search the Scriptures
What is the second?..... Ps cxlix. 105: Thy word is a lamp unto

4. What is God?

God is a *Spirit*, *infinite*, *eternal* and *unchangeable*, in his *being*, *wisdom*, *power*, *holiness*, *justice*, *goodness*, and *truth*.

EXPL.—*Spirit*, A thinking being, without bodily parts. *Infinite*, Without bounds or limits. *Eternal*, Without beginning and without end. *Unchangeable*, That cannot change. *Being*, Nature. *Wisdom*, Knowing always what is best to be done. *Holiness*, Without any sin. *Justice*, Giving to every one what he deserves. *Goodness*, Bestowing favours. *Truth*, making things known just as they are.

What is God said to be?

What sort of a Spirit is God?

How many things is God infinite, eternal, and unchangeable?—Seven.

Infinite.....	John iv. 24: God is a Spirit: and they that
Eternal.....	Jer xliii. 24: Do not I fill heaven and earth?
Unchangeable.....	Ps xc. 2: Before the mountains were
1 Being.....	Mal iii. 6: I am the Lord: I change not
2 Wisdom.....	Exod iii. 14: And God said unto Moses
3 Power.....	1 Tim i. 17: Now unto the King eternal
4 Holiness.....	Matt xix. 26: With God all things
5 Justice.....	Ps cxlv. 17: The Lord is righteous
6 Goodness.....	Rev xv. 3: Just and true are thy ways
7 Truth.....	Exod xxxiv. 6: And the Lord passed by
	Deut xxxii. 4: A God of truth, and without