

him; of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

**EXPL.—***Discern the Lord's body,* Understand the spiritual meaning of the ordinance.

What are these, who would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, required to do? } 1 Cor xi. 28: Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that

What are they } 1 Knowledge } 1 Cor xi. 29: For he that eateth  
to examine } 2 Faith } 2 Cor xiii. 5: Examine yourselves  
themselves } 3 Repentance } 1 Cor xi. 31: For if we would judge  
respecting? } 4 Love } 1 Cor xvi. 22: If any love not  
} 5 New obedience } 1 Cor v. 8: Let us keep the feast, not with

What do those who come to the Lord's supper unworthily eat and drink to themselves? } 1 Cor xi. 29: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation (or judgment) to himself.

**N. B.—***Damnation means, in the Greek, Judgment or condemnation; and whilst the text does not teach, that an unworthy partaking of the Lord's supper is an unpardonable sin, yet it does teach, that, in the sight of God, it is a very heinous sin, carefully to be avoided, and when committed, deeply to be repented of.*

98. What is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

To whom alone should we pray? - - - - - Mat iv. 10: Thou shalt worship the Lord  
What are we to offer up to God in prayer? - - - - - Ps lxii. 8: Trust in him at all times  
For what are we to pray? - - - - - 1 John v. 14: If we ask anything according  
In whose name are we to pray? - - - - - John xvi. 23: Whatsoever ye shall ask  
What should we confess in prayer? - - - - - Ps li. 3: For I acknowledge my  
What should we thankfully acknowledge? - - - - - Phil iv. 6: Be careful for nothing

99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called *The Lord's Prayer*.

Where may we obtain direction in prayer? - - - - - John xv. 7: If ye abide in me, and my  
What special direction have we? - - - - - Mat vi. 9: After this manner, pray ye  
To whom did Christ teach this prayer? - - - - - Luke xi. 1, 2; And it came to pass, that as

100. What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

The *preface* of the Lord's prayer, [which is, *Our Father which art in heaven*] teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

**EXPL.—***Preface,* Something going before that explains what follows. *Reverence,* Becoming respect and holy awe. *Confidence,* Trust.

What is the preface of the Lord's prayer? Mat vi. 9: Our Father  
How many things does the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?—Four. } 1 To draw near to God } Heb xii. 28: Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with  
} 2 With confidence, as children to a Father } Rom viii. 15: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but have  
} 3 That God is able and ready to help us } Isa xli. 10: I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold  
} 4 That we should pray with and for others? } 1 Tim ii. 1, 2; I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers,