

Lord's Day 5
The Heidelberg Catechism
The Long-Expected Mediator
Hebrews 10:1-18

1. The Dramatic Tension: God's Justice and Mercy (Q&A 12)

- a. The Doctrine: God is both merciful and just. His justice is not just a matter of what he does, but also a matter of who he is. (Romans 1:32; 2:2, 5)

- b. The Story:
 - i. The Garden
 - ii. The Sacrifices
 - iii. The Exile

2. We are unable to solve the problem ourselves (Q&A 13).

- a. Matthew 5:21-22, 28

- b. Romans 2:4-5

3. No mere creature can solve the problem for us (Q&A 14).

- a. Hebrews 2:14-18

- b. Hebrews 10:4

4. Therefore we need a Mediator (Q&A 15).

- a. Preview of the doctrine: fully God, fully man.

- b. When the Mediator is revealed, he answers not just a doctrinal tension, but an ancient story of longing and expectation, a story in which Israel focused and represented the desire of the nations.
 - i. The Desire of Israel

 - ii. The Desire of Ancient Culture

 - iii. The Desire of Modern Culture

 - iv. The Desire of our Hearts