

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **9. Does not God, then, do injustice to man by requiring of him in His Law that which he cannot perform?**

No, for God so made man that he could perform it;<sup>1</sup> but man, through the instigation of the devil,<sup>2</sup> by willful disobedience<sup>3</sup> deprived himself and all his descendants of this power.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen 1:31; Eph 4:24; <sup>2</sup> Gen 3:13; Jn 8:44; 1 Tim 2:13-14; <sup>3</sup> Gen 3:6; <sup>4</sup> Rom 5:12, 18-19