

## **Moses' "Family Catechism"** **(Deuteronomy 6:20-25)**

"What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?"

1. Modern Answers to the Child's Question
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  
2. Moses' Answer to the Child's Question
  - a. The law as the climax of revelation
  - b. The law as a guide for conduct
  - c. The law as the key to fear
  - d. The law as the key to well-being
  - e. The law as the key to life
  - f. The law as the key to righteousness
  
3. Then what shall we do with Paul?
  - a. Hear the witness of all Scripture.
  - b. Hear the message of this text.
  - c. Recognize the Old Testament and New Testament paradigms of the relationships among salvation, faith, and works:
    - YHWH's gracious saving actions yield the fruit of a redeemed people.
    - A redeemed people yields the fruit of righteous deeds.
    - Righteous deeds yield the fruit of divine approval and blessing (Matt 25:23)

**A Christian Paraphrase of Moses' Family Catechism  
Deuteronomy 6:20-25**

**When our children ask us in days to come, what is the meaning of the ordinances and customs that we observe, then we will say:**

**“We were slaves to sin, but the Lord rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and ushered us into his glorious kingdom of light, with a strong hand, and great signs and wonders. He has brought us out in fulfillment of his promises and in accordance with his glorious plan of salvation, conceived before the foundation of the world. So the Lord commanded us to demonstrate our fear and love for him by keeping his commands for our good always and as expressions of our covenant relationship with him, as it is this day. And it will be righteousness for us before him if we are careful to demonstrate that we love God with all our hearts by doing all that he commanded us. Then we too will hear him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.”**