

Of Oaths

Based on *Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord's Day 37, Q. 101–102

1. May we swear re - li - gious - ly, Us - ing God's Name se - rious - ly?
2. May we swear by crea - tures too, Or by saints and an - gels sue?

5
Yes, when by ne - ces - si - ty, To con - firm fi - del - i - ty;
No, for all such hon - our's due Un - to God, the Wit - ness True.

9
When to God we give glo - ry; For our neigh - bour's safe - ty:
He will sure - ly pun - ish you If you false - ly mis - con - strue;

13
Such an oath is used just - ly, Found - ed on God's own de - cree.
For He knows you through and through; Has your heart and life in view.

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