

*Failures are mile posts on the road to achievement.*

**C. S. Lewis**

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Q 12. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favor?

A. God demands that His justice be satisfied.[1]  
Therefore full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.[2]

[1] Exo. 20:5; Exo. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11. [2] Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4.

Q 13. Can we ourselves make this payment?

A. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.[1]

[1] Psa. 130:3; Mat. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5.

Q 14. Can any mere creature pay for us?

A. No. In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed.[1]  
Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.[2]

[1] Eze. 18:4, Eze. 18:20; Heb. 2:14-18. [2] Psa. 130:3; Nah. 1:6.

The entire Heidelberg Catechism is available at the church web site: [www.cottonwoodcommunitychurch.org](http://www.cottonwoodcommunitychurch.org)

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**If you have a prayer request**, please let me know before the service or write it on the note paper provided and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

# Cottonwood Community Church

March 25, 2007

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Worship: 11:00 am

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 4:3-4

Song # 165 The Battle Belongs To The Lord (Purple Book)

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Psalm 28:6-9

**Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

**The LORD is the strength of his people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their Shepherd and carry them forever.

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Song # 200 Jesus, Name Above All Names (Purple Book)

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Romans 2:28-29

Worship In Song

Congregational Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever.

Amen.

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**Cart Before The Horse**  
**John 3:5-13**

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Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn # 42 God Be with You

Benediction: Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.