High Desert URC – Heidelberg Catechism Supplement June 2025

* Read each Heidelberg question and answer before discussing them according to the prompts below.

I. Question and Answer 125

What does this answer encourage with respect to God and creatures (or other people)? It encourages us not to trust in other people for our provisions in this life. Rather, we are to trust God who ultimately provides us with all things ("In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind (Job 12:10). We are, however, to work hard to provide for our families but God gives us that ability.

II. Question and Answer 126

In this answer, what is the reason we are to forgive others who sin against us? The reason is that we have been forgiven all our sins through Christ's blood, which was shed for us! Nevertheless, we are always to confess our sins to God trusting that God has forgiven us these sins; the process of this confession and confidence that our sins are forgiven is a part of walking with Christ in this life.

- III. Question and Answer 127
 - A. *What are our three immortal enemies that we fight against in this life?* The world, the flesh and the devil.
 - B. *How often are we in a spiritual battle against these enemies?* Every single day.
 - C. Who strengthens us against in this spiritual battle? The Holy Spirit.
 - D. *Will we win this battle?* Yes. The complete victory will be achieved in heaven.
- IV. Question and Answer 128

According to this answer, who should be glorified and why? God should be glorified and not us because he is King, has power over all things and is willing and able to give us all good.

V. Question and Answer 129

What does this answer say about God hearing our prayers? God always hears and answers our prayers.