

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (9/25/22): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
LESSON 2—GOD AND HIS PERFECTIONS

- I. Prayers (3 Minutes)
 - A. “Sign of the Cross”
 - B. “Our Father”
 - C. “Act of Faith” (pages 5-6)
 - II. Dialogue (20 minutes, Numbers 8-23):
 - A. True or False (page 21)
 - B. Dialogue (pages 13-14, numbers 8-11)
 - C. The Perfections of God:
 - 1. Eternal: Beyond time and space—“I Am Who Am”
 - 2. All-Good
 - a. Infinitely lovable in Himself
 - b. Every good comes from His fatherly love
 - 3. All-Knowing
 - a. All things—past, present, and future
 - b. Even most secret thoughts, words, actions
 - 4. All-Present: Is everywhere always invisibly in spirit
 - a. He sees and watches over us with loving care
 - b. Divine Providence—Ordained and permissive will
 - 5. Almighty—All good things are possible with God:
 - a. All-wise, our Truth
 - b. All-holy, our source of grace and goodness
 - c. All-merciful, forgiving and helping us
 - d. All-just, judging us and fulfilling His promises to us
 - D. How we know about God:
 - 1. Natural reason—Is sufficient to know about God’s existence
 - 2. Supernatural Revelation: DEPOSIT OF FAITH
 - a. SCRIPTURE (Letter/Word):
 - >Principal Author = God
 - >Inspired Authors = Men who received and wrote down only those things desired by God
 - >Committed by God to His Church, whose faithful MAGISTERIUM guards, interprets, and explains it
 - >Old Testament: Before the coming of Christ
- Note: Josue = Joshua
- 1 Kings = 1 Samuel
- 2 Kings = 2 Samuel

3 Kings = 1 Kings
4 Kings = 2 Kings
1 Paralipomenon = 1 Chronicles
2 Paralipomenon = 2 Chronicles
1 Esdras = Ezra
2 Esdras = Nehemiah
Tobias = Tobit
Canticle of Canticles = Song of Solomon
Isaias = Isaiah
Jeremias = Jeremiah
Ezechiel = Ezekiel
Osee = Hosea
Abdias = Obadiah
Jonas = Jonah
Micheas = Micah
Habacuc = Habakkuk
Sophonias = Zephaniah
Aggeus = Haggai
Zacharias = Zecariah
Malachias = Malachi

>New Testament: After Christ ascended to heaven
Note: The Apocalypse of Saint John the Apostle
= Revelation

>One Book (Divine Author): Many Books (Human Authors)

b. TRADITION—Unwritten word of God

>Given by God to the Church through Christ

>Inspired by the Holy Spirit

>Lived and passed on through practice and example

>Found in the writings of the Fathers of the Church

c. We assent to the Deposit of Faith (Doctrine) based on the authority of God given to the Church:

>God neither deceives nor can be deceived

>Assurance = Scriptural/Traditional/Magisterial

>Continuity (unbroken) and Consistency (non-contradiction)

>Sensus Fidei (or Sensus Fidelium)

III. Table Talk/Discussion Questions (Page 20)

IV. Wrap-Up/Mission/Dismissal