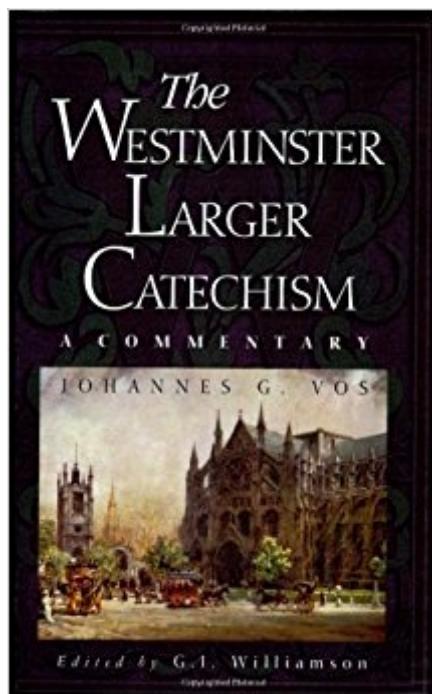


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# The Westminster Larger Catechism: A Commentary



## Synopsis

J. G. Vos wrote a series of studies of the Larger Catechism that first appeared in Blue Banner Faith and Life (1946-49) and has never circulated widely. G. I. Williamson has edited Vos's commentary, and P&R is publishing it in book form for the first time. Because the Larger Catechism supplements the Shorter Catechism on such topics as the church and the means of grace, Presbyterians dare not ignore it. This edition of J. G. Vos's commentary will encourage a recommitment to the Larger Catechism's increased use and study.

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An accurate and clear exposition. Dr. Vos is noted for the clarity and theological soundness of his writing, and I find those qualities exemplified in this commentary. Vos's commentary can serve a very useful function for the church. He relates the catechism to issues that were contemporary to him and that are still contemporary for us. The Larger Catechism should be studied and used more than it is. J. G. Vos was a fine scholar, and his commentary will be most useful to the church.

I love this book. I was not aware of the treasure trove that awaited me when I ordered this-- yes I saw the reviews-- but it's bundled with so much great and needed theological truths that even now it is hard for me to put it into words. I haven't finished it yet but it is one of the few books that once I pick it up its agonizing to put down. I got this book to help study for seminary, but I think absolutely anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of God, the catechism, or just are curious about

theology would enjoy this book. Highly recommended. -NdN

I have a large number of books on Reformed Theology including a number of books which seek to use the Westminster Confession and Catechisms as a springboard to explain the intricacies of Calvinism, but even with all that at my disposal I find this work is something special. The clarity of thought here is miles beyond anything else I've found. The format is simple: A question from the catechism, the relevant scripture passages identified and summarized in a single sentence, then a series of brief questions and answers on the passage. The Larger Catechism of the Westminster Confession has unfortunately been rather neglected, both in churches and in the written word (Thomas Ridgely's two volume commentary is the only other I can think of, and it's much too complex for most readers) but this volume makes all the theological complexities crystal clear. A must read.

I wasn't sure about this commentary at first, but it has opened my eyes to a number of areas in my life that needed to be addressed. This commentary on the WLC breaks down Christian teaching to such granularity it makes it easy to see areas in your life that may have been abandoned to sin. If you want to make more sense of Christian teaching, and abandon much of the "feel good" teaching in the Church these days and then get back into who our faith should look, give this book a read.

Answer: To read J. G. Vos's extremely clear commentary on the (overlooked and underread) Westminster Larger Catechism. For those who would like a one-volume, handy, theological volume to study, this would be a good one (another good one is A. A. Hodge's Commentary on the Confession). If you are someone studying for licensure or ordinations exam, or someone trying to better understand the overview of the Bible (also read his father's 'Biblical Theology for an overview), or studying for Sunday school class, or someone studying for devotion, this book is for you! It is quite indispensable as a commentary on the catechism and now after years of being out of print, P&R has seen fit to bless us! I hope that this volume will help us to return to our confessional roots as a people of God who are part of a great and long heritage of saints! 'Take up and read!'

I am reading through this commentary in a deliberate and slow fashion to learn these wonderful doctrines of our God. I am only about 25% complete, but I don't expect the quality to change so I thought it safe to comment now. This commentary is wonderful. Scripture references are given for each question, and each question is expounded upon with more questions and answers provided by

Vos. I think the text and teaching is wonderful and I am thankful that I bought this commentary. I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to enlarge his/her understanding of God and His works.

FIVE STARS for content. ONE STAR for KINDLE version. The Kindle version text is quite possibly the worst I've ever seen - it even looks bad on an iPad with retina display. It looks like a poor quality scan of a rough draft. I don't want to give this a low rating because of this but buyer beware - get a sample of the Kindle version before buying to check the font.

Excellent book defining the Larger Catechism of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with commentary! Very detailed in exactly what is believed with proof texts.

If you are a Christian and want to understand God's Word and His commands to us then this is a book for you. It is easy to understand and offers much information. I highly recommend this book as one of the great resource books we have available to us.

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