

The 10 Commandments Part 2 (Exodus 20:12-17)

Today is part two from the lesson last week. If you were not here, we are doing a study on the 10 commandments. The first 4 deal with man's relationship with God and the last 6 will deal with man's relationship with their fellow man.

Although we are no longer under the law of Moses, Paul does point out in Rom 13:8-10, that certain principles contained in the Old law are eternal.

For example, loving God and loving our neighbor was not abolished and nailed to the cross. Jesus teaches us to do this in Matt 22:37-39. In Romans 13:10, Paul says if we truly love our neighbor then we will not do something to harm them.

Hebrews 1:1-2, makes it clear that that we now live, serve and worship under the law of Christ. Out of the 10 commandments that are listed, 9 of them are also under the law of Christ and the N.T. does have some additional information attached to some of them. Our study today will cover our relationships with others.

I. Commandment number 5: "Honor your Father and Mother: Exodus 20:12

This is the first commandment with a promise. There is a parallel passage in Eph chapter 6 verse 1.

The worst list of sins found in the Bible is in Romans chapter one. Included in that list is disobedience to parents.

II. Commandment number 6: Do not kill verse 13

The Hebrew word for kill that is used here is the word "Ratsach." It has to do with premeditated murder.

Jesus does have something to say about this in Matt 5:21. Here Jesus not only condemns the act of murder, but He also condemns the thoughts behind the act.

1 John 3:15, repeats what is taught here.

III. Commandment #7, "Do not commit Adultery verse 14:

Jesus deals with this the same way He deals with the murder passage. Look at Matt 5:27

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

This is dealing with the thoughts that leads to the act. The word lust means "To burn with passion or to burn hard toward someone."

Jesus says when it comes to the sin of committing adultery, don't even think about it.

Commandment Number 8, "Don't steal" verse 15

In Eph 4:28, Paul puts a positive spin on this. Here he says, "Work with your hands to get the things that you need."

It goes even further that. "Work with your hands so that instead of taking away from people, you are able to have something to give to someone in need." Work with your hands so you will have enough for yourself and enough to share with other people.

Commandment Number 9, "Do not give false testimony" Verse 16

This commandment has to do with telling the truth.

It would be like going up to the witness stand and lying in order to get someone in trouble. This mainly has to do with being a truthful person.

2. Col 3:9, "Do not lie to one another, having put off the old man with his deeds."

People need to know we tell the truth, even when it's unbelievable, even when it's unpleasant. Let's be the kind of person who tells the truth and does not shave the truth.

Commandment number 10, "Do not Covet" vs 17.

The word Covet means, "To desire earnestly." It means wanting something so bad that you might do something wrong in order to have it.

Col 3:5, "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness (which is idolatry)"

Close: One of the things I've always enjoyed is a good snack

The 6 commandments we've covered today ties into our relationships with other people. Jesus said, "The second greatest commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Take some time this week to re-read the 10 commandments and look at what the N.T. says about them. Think about your relationship with God and your relationship with others.

Jesus promises us a great reward because those relationships are based on Love. If we love God, the way we should, then we will love others the way we should.