

*Lesson No. 8*

## **What Does the Bible Say About Our Duty Toward Our Fellow Men? (Commandments 4-6)**

### **1. What is the summary of the last seven commandments, or of the Second Table of the Law?**

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- \* *Matthew 22:39*. You shall **love your neighbor as yourself**.
- Matthew 5:44*. Love your **enemies**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

The last seven commandments demand of everyone of us perfect love to all our fellow men.

The Fourth Commandment:

- \***Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.**

### **2. What is the meaning of this commandment?**

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) *Proverbs 30:17*. The eye that **mocks** his father, and **scorns obedience** to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.
- (a) *Romans 13:2*. Therefore whoever resists the authority (government) **resists the ordinance of God**, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.
- (b) *Colossians 3:20*. Children, **obey your parents** in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.
- (b) *Matthew 22:21*. Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.
- (b) *1 Peter 2:18*. Servants, **be submissive to your masters** with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.
- (b) *Acts 5:29*. We ought to obey **God rather than men**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) We should **NOT** despise or disobey our parents and all others who by God's ordinance are placed over us in the home, the church, the state, at school, or at the place where we work.
- (B) We **SHOULD** honor our superiors as God's representatives and willingly obey them in all things in which God has placed them over us. (Separation of church and state.)

The Fifth Commandment.

- \***You shall not murder.**

### **3. What is the meaning of this commandment?**

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) *Deuteronomy 32:39*. Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; **I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal**; nor is there any who can deliver from My

hand.

- (a) **Psalm 31:15.** My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- (b) **Genesis 9:6.** Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God he made man.
- (b) **Matthew 26:52.** All who take the sword will perish by the sword.
- (b) **Romans 13:4.** For he (the government) is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is **God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.**
- (c) **Romans 12:19.** Beloved, **do not avenge yourselves**, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.
- (d) **1 John 3:15.** Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
- (e) **Romans 12:20.** If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.
- (f) **Ephesians 4:32.** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

FROM THIS WE LEARN--

- (A) The Bible teaches that God is the One who gives life and takes life, and that the length of our days are in His hands.

We should **NOT**

- (B) Take the life of a fellow man (murder, lynching, killing the unborn) nor our own life (suicide);  
(The government has the right to inflict the death penalty and to wage just wars.)
- (C) Do or say anything which may destroy, shorten, or embitter our neighbor's life;
- (D) Bear anger or hatred in our heart against him.

We **SHOULD**

- (E) Help and befriend our neighbor in every bodily need;
- (F) Be merciful, kind, and forgiving towards him.

The Sixth Commandment.

**\*You shall not commit adultery.**

#### 4. What do the Scriptures teach of marriage?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a b) **Genesis 2:18-24.** (Read this passage.)
- (b) **Mark 10:8.** And the two shall become one flesh; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.
- (c) **Matthew 1:18-20.** (Read this passage. Note: "Espoused" and "before they came together", yet "her husband" and "your wife".)
- (c) **Genesis 24:58.** Then they called Rebekah and said to her, **Will you go** with this man? And she said, **I will go.** (Read the whole chapter.)
- (c) **Leviticus 18:6.** None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him.
- (d) **1 Timothy 4:5.** It is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
- (e) **Genesis 1:28.** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, **Be fruitful and multiply.**
- (e) **Genesis 2:18.** And the LORD God said, **It is not good that man should be alone;** I will make him a helper comparable to him.
- (e) **1 Corinthians 7:2-5.** Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his

**own wife**, and let each woman have **her own husband**. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

- (f) **Romans 7:2**. For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband **as long as he lives**. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.
- (g) **Ephesians 5:24, 25**. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so **let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church** and gave himself for it.

#### FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) Marriage is a holy estate, having been instituted by God Himself.
- (B) It is a union of one man and one woman unto one flesh.
- (C) Marriage is entered into by rightful betrothal, or engagement.
- (D) Christians desire to have their marriage ceremony sanctified with the Word of God and prayer, and therefore have it performed by the pastor of their church.
- (E) The purpose of marriage is the rearing of children, mutual helpfulness and companionship, and the prevention of fornication.
- (F) Marriage is a lifelong union.
- (G) Married people are to love and honor each other, the husband his wife as his God given helpmeet, and the wife her husband as her God-given head.

### 5. What is the meaning of the Sixth Commandment?

#### THE BIBLE SAYS--

- \*(a) **Matthew 19:6**. So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, **let not man separate**.
- \*(a) **Matthew 19:9**. And I say to you, **whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality**, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.
  - (a) **1 Corinthians 7:15**. But if the unbeliever **departs**, let him depart; a brother or a sister is **not under bondage** in such cases.
  - (b) **Matthew 15:19**. Out of the heart proceed **evil thoughts, ... adulteries, fornications**.
  - (b) **Matt. 5:28**. Whoever looks at a woman to **lust** for her has already committed adultery with her **in his heart**.
  - (b) **Ephesians 5:3,4**. But **fornication** and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; **neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting**, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
  - (b) **Hebrews 13:4**. **Marriage is honorable** among all, and the bed undefiled; **but fornicators and adulterers God will judge**.
  - (b) **Leviticus 18:22**. You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. **It is an abomination**.
  - (b) **Romans 1:26,27**. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, **burned in their lust for one another**, men with men committing what is shameful, and **receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due**.
  - (c) **1 Timothy 5:22**. Keep yourself **pure**.
  - (d) **Genesis 39:9**. How then can I do this great wickedness, and **sin against God**.
  - (d) **Psalms 51:10**. Create in me a **clean heart**, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- (d) **Proverbs 23:31-33. Do not look on the wine** when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. Your eyes **will see strange things**, and your **heart will utter perverse things**.
- (e) **1 Corinthians 6:18, 19. Flee sexual immorality...** Or do you not know that your body is the **temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own?**
- (e) **Proverbs 1:10.** My son, if **sinnners entice you, do not consent.**

FROM THIS WE LEARN--

We should **NOT**

- (A) Break the marriage vow by unfaithfulness, desertion, or unscriptural divorce; (In the case of adultery or malicious desertion the innocent party may protect himself, or herself, by getting a divorce.)
- (B) Defile ourselves with impure thoughts, desires, words, and deeds.

We **SHOULD**

- (C) Lead a chaste and decent life in thoughts, desires, words, and deeds, and to this end
- (D) Fight against, and overcome, all impure thoughts and desires with God's Word and prayer, work, and temperance; and
- (E) Flee and avoid all opportunity for unchasteness.

*Before the Next Lesson*

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 8.**

**MEMORIZE the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).**



**READ Genesis, chapter 50, to Exodus, chapter 6.**

***Work Sheet No. 8***

**1.**

Read 1 Samuel 20:31-33. Note that Jonathan disobeyed his father Saul.

- (A) Did Jonathan thereby sin against the Fourth Commandment?.....
- (B) Prove the correctness of your answer, using a Scripture passage.....

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**2.**

*(Complete these sentences.)*

Jesus fulfilled the Fourth Commandment for us and, at the same time, gave us a beautiful example.

- (A) When as a twelve-year-old child He (Lk.2:41-52) .....

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- (B) When on the cross He (Jn.19:25-27).....

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3.

*(Check whether true or false.)*

The commandment, "You shall not kill", forbids capital punishment. True.  False.

4.

The Roman Catholic Church praises the celibate life as purer and holier than married life and forbids priests and nuns to marry.

What does the Bible say about this? (Heb. 13:4; 1 Tim. 4:1-5.) .....  
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5.

Many ministers no longer use the word "obey" in the marriage ceremony.

(A) Is the intentional omission of this word right or wrong? .....  
(B) Why?.....  
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6.

*(Check the Scriptural reasons.)*

Scriptural reasons for divorce are:

- (A) Incompatibility
- (B) Adultery
- (C) Cruelty
- (D) Incurable sickness or insanity
- (E) Malicious desertion
- (F) A penitentiary life sentence
- (G) Habitual drunkenness

7.

The celebrated sculptor Dannecker had finished a fine statue of Christ when Napoleon gave him an order for a Venus. (Venus is the pagan goddess of beauty and unchastity.) The sculptor refused and gave the noble reason: "I have looked upon Christ." What did Dannecker mean?

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