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Exodus 19:1-31:18
Ten Commandments (Part 3)

Basis: Grace
Means: Faith
Object: Jesus

The Law constantly reminds us of:

- Our sinfulness
- Our need for a Savior
- Our need for God's enabling power to obey

Commandments 1-4: Reverence for God
Commandments 5-10: Respect for others

Reverence for God

- 1st Command: No god but God.
- 2nd Command: Don't worship the true God in the wrong way.
- 3rd Command: Don't treat God's Name in a frivolous manner.
- 4th Command: Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy

Respect for others

- 5th Command: Honor your father and your mother.
- 6th Command: You shall not murder.

Basis for Command

- God is the sovereign Creator.
- Man is made in the image of God.

Genesis 9:6

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

This commandment is violated not only when a person actually does evil, but also when he fails to do good to his neighbor.... If you send a person away naked when you could clothe him, you have let him freeze to death. If you see anyone suffer hunger and do not feed him, you have let him starve.

-Martin Luther, The Larger Catechism

Matthew 5:21-22

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Killing does not only mean destroying life physically, it means still more trying to destroy the spirit and soul, destroying the person in any shape or form.

-Martin Lloyd-Jones

7th Command: You shall not commit adultery.

Any sexual encounter outside that covenant of marriage is adultery.

Genesis 2:24

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Proverbs 6:32

The man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adultery and all the sexually immoral.

Infidelity tells a child, “Your mother is not worth much, and your father is a liar and a cheat. Furthermore, honor is not nearly as important as pleasure. In fact, my child, my own satisfaction is more important than you.

-Kent Hughes, The Disciplines of Grace, 130.

Matthew 5:27-28

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Love desires the person.

Lust desires the portion.

Job 31:1

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

And let him who does not touch a woman not flatter himself, as if he could not be accused of immodesty, while in the meantime his heart burns with lust.

-Michael Horton, The Law of Perfection, 188

1 Timothy 2:9

I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety....

8th Command: You shall not steal.

All it takes for us to break this command is one wasted hour at work.

Malachi 3:8-10

Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it.”

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Psalm 51

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.
Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.
May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,
in burnt offerings offered whole;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.*