

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

How to Love God and Neighbor

Wednesdays | 7:15 pm
May 28 through August 13
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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... You shall love your neighbor as yourself
Matthew 22:37-39



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What is the Greatest Commandment?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.



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What commandments has God given to teach us how to Love God and Neighbor?

1. You shall have no other gods
2. You shall not make a carved image
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day
5. Honor your father and mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness
10. You shall not covet



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Housekeeping...



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Discussion

1. **Head**: What is something brand new you learned in this class?
2. **Heart**: What is something that stirred your affections for God or Neighbor from this class?
3. **Hands**: What is something you have taken away from this class that you have applied, or intend to apply, to your life?



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Looking Back



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James 2:10-11 | For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.



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The 10th Commandment:

You Shall Not Covet

Covetousnes | Contentment



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The 10th Commandment

Covetousness



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Exodus 20:17 | You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.



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James 4:2 | You desire and do not have, so you murder.
You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.



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Ephesians 5:5 | For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Romans 1:25 | They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.



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Diagnostic Questions:

1. What do I want to make sure people know about me?
2. What do I fantasize or daydream about?
3. What do I worry about most?
4. Who can make my day with affirmation, or crush me with disapproval?



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Comfort

Willing to give up productivity
Nightmare is stress / demands
Others often feel hurt
I often feel boredom

Approval

Willing to give up freedom
Nightmare is rejection
Others feel smothered
I often feel cowardice

Control

Willing to be lonely
Nightmare is uncertainty
Others feel condemned
I often feel anxiety

Power

Willing to be burdened
Nightmare is humiliation
Others often feel used
I often feel angry



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We often look to things other than God for...

Meaning

Satisfaction

Freedom

Identity

Hope

Justice



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Discussion

1. Of the source idols mentioned, which do you struggle with the most?
2. Which are you tempted most to look for apart from God - Meaning, Satisfaction, Freedom, Identity, Hope, or Justice?
3. In what ways does God fulfill the desires of your heart?



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The 10th Commandment

Contentment



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Philippians 4:11-13 | Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



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"Our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

-Augustine



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2 Corinthians 1:3 | Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.



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John 1:12 | But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.



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Romans 8:28 | And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.



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Ephesians 3:20 | Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.



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Matthew 7:11 | If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!



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Loving God through the 9th Commandment

Action

Negative: Do not covet

Positive: Be content

Allegiance:

Want your neighbor to receive good gifts

Affection:

Divine Jealousy



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2 Corinthians 11:2 | For I feel a **divine jealousy** for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Exodus 20:4-5 | You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am **a jealous God.**



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Assurance of Grace | Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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