

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

How to Love God and Neighbor

Wednesdays | 7:15 pm
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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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Last week...



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The 6th Commandment:

You Shall Not Murder

Murder | Anger



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The 6th Commandment

Murder



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Exodus 20:13 | You shall not murder.



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Genesis 1:27 | So God created man **in his own image, in the image of God** he created him; male and female he created them.



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Genesis 2:7 | Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Genesis 2:21-23 | So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."



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Genesis 2:17 | Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**



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Genesis 9:5-6 | And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. **Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.**



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Deuteronomy 17:6 | On the evidence of **two witnesses or of three witnesses** the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

Deuteronomy 19:16-19 | If **a malicious witness** arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then **you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother**. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.



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Leviticus 19:15 | You shall do no injustice in court. **You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great**, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor

Leviticus 24:17-22 | Whoever takes a human life shall surely be put to death. Whoever takes an animal's life shall make it good, life for life. If anyone injures his neighbor, as he has done it shall be done to him, fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him. Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, and whoever kills a person shall be put to death. **You shall have the same rule for the sojourner and for the native**, for I am the Lord your God.



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Deuteronomy 19:4-7 | This is the provision for **the manslayer**, who by fleeing [the city of refuge] may save his life. If anyone **kills his neighbor unintentionally** without having hated him in the past— as when someone goes into the forest with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down a tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies—**he may flee to one of these cities and live**, lest the avenger of blood in hot anger pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and strike him fatally, though the man did not deserve to die, since he had not hated his neighbor in the past. Therefore I command you, You shall set apart three cities.



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Deuteronomy 22:8 | When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring the guilt of blood upon your house, if anyone should fall from it.



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Luke 10:25-37 | And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."



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Luke 10:25-37 cont'd | But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side..."



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Luke 10:25-37 cont'd | ...But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' **Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?**" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."



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Exodus 21:22-25 | When men strive together and hit **a pregnant woman**, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But **if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life**, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.



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Psalm 51:5 | Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother **conceive me.**

Psalm 139:13-14 | For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together **in my mother's womb.** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Jeremiah 1:5 | **Before I formed you in the womb** I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.



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Luke 1:41 | And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, **the baby leaped in her womb**. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.



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Psalm 127:3-5 | Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!



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**Jonah 4:11 | Should not I pity Nineveh, that great city,
in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do
not know their right hand from their left.**



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Statistics (2024)

- There were **1,038,100** abortions in USA
- There were **183,000** abortions in California
 - That's **17%** of all USA abortions
 - California is **12%** of USA population
- About **15%** of all pregnancies in USA end in abortion



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Statistics (2023)

- Armenia - 100 girls for every 109 boys born - 48/52
- Azerbaijan - 100 girls for every 110 boys born - 48/52
- Vietnam - 100 girls for every 111 boys born - 47/53
- China - 100 girls for every 111 boys born - 47/53



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Politic Effectiveness?

- Abortions decreased during the Clinton presidency (93-00)
- Abortions were flat during the Bush presidency (01-08)
- Abortions decreased during the Obama presidency (09-16)
- Abortions increased during the Trump presidency (16-20)
- Abortions increased during the Biden presidency (21-24)
 - Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022



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2 Samuel 12:22-23 | He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? **I shall go to him**, but he will not return to me."



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Luke 18:15-17 | Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "**Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them**, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."



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Exodus 22:2-3 | If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, but **if the sun has risen on him**, there shall be bloodguilt for him.



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Discussion

1. What makes conflict resolution difficult for you personally?
2. When you have seen a relational conflict resolved, what difference did it make in the future of that relationship?
3. Why do you think the Larger Catechism says the sixth commandment requires things like cheerfulness and compassion?



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The 6th Commandment

Anger



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Matthew 5:21-24 | You have heard that it was said to those of old, '**You shall not murder**'; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that **everyone who is angry** with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that **your brother has something against you**, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



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James 1:20 | For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 2:26-27 | Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.



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Jonah 4:4 | And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Colossians 3:8 | But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.



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Bad Responses

- Aggressive
 - Murder
 - Assault
 - Sue
 - Gossip
- Passive
 - Suicide
 - Move
 - Silent Treatment
 - Pretend



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Good Responses (Assertive)



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Overlook

Proverbs 19:11 | Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.



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Reconcile

Matthew 18:15 | If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

Colossians 3:13 | Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.



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Mediation

Matthew 18:16-17a | But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.



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Accountability

Matthew 18:17b | And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.



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Matthew 5:23-24 | So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that **your brother has something against you**, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



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Progression

1. Do not murder
2. Do not be angry with your brother
3. Don't let your brother be angry
4. ???



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Progression

1. Do not murder
2. Do not be angry with your brother
3. Don't let your brother be angry
4. **Don't let your brother murder you!**



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Proverbs 17:22 | A joyful heart is good medicine.



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Loving God through the 6th Commandment

Action

Negative: Do not murder, do not be angry

Positive: Resolve conflict, be a neighbor, be joyful

Allegiance:

Conflict resolution is when relationships become covenantal

Affection:

- Life is precious, have compassion on your neighbor
- Jesus was a neighbor, came to you to resolve the conflict, and was murdered so you could have life



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Assurance of Grace | 2 Corinthians 1:9-10

Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.



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Next Week:

NO CLASS!

Week after Next:

The 7th Commandment: You Shall Not Commit Adultery



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