

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning 3-27-22  
Christianity 101 – Message 24 Part 8  
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:
  - a. Taking a look back:
    - 1) God turned His attention toward the home with, “**honour thy father and thy mother**”
    - 2) Honor – recognizing and respecting your parent’s position and authority in your life by what you say and do.
    - 3) Teaching this honoring is the foundation for teaching and training –
    - 4) If they don’t respect your authority and position, then –
  - b. Taking a look ahead:
    - 1) “Honoring thy father and thy mother” is the groundwork for children growing up to –
    - 2) Philippians 2 – The fruit of having the same mindset of truth and living it out is –
    - 3) The challenge of reaching this goal is that truth must be taught -
    - 4) God turned His attention to the home. Why? The home is where:
      - a) Respect for authority is taught. Commandment 5
      - b) Respect and value for life is taught. Commandment 6
      - c) Respect for others in morality and values are taught. Commandment 7
      - d) Respect for other’s possessions” Commandment 8
      - e) Respect and love for other’s lives and testimonies. Commandment 9
      - f) Respect for others and the learning personal contentment? Commandment 10
2. The sixth commandment: “Thou shalt not kill” – Exodus 20:13
  - a. Life is precious to God, and it should be to us.
    - 1) “kill” – speaks of pre-meditated murder or manslaughter.
  - b. Does one’s heart (attitude) really matter to God and us? Matthew 5:21-22
    - 1) Remember, Jesus knows our hearts:
      - a) Hebrews 4:12-13 –
3. Jesus uses a command to start them thinking: Matthew 5:21
  - a. “You have heard it said by them of old time...”
    - 1) They had heard the letter of the law, now Jesus reveals the spirit of the law.
  - b. Jesus speaks of the ROOT, the progression and danger of anger. Matt. 5:22
    - 1) “Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause....”
    - 2) “Whosoever shall say to his brother, RACA....”
    - 3) “Whosoever shall say, thou fool...”
      - a) Irony – while hoping for the destruction of another, anger ends up destroying you.
4. Let’s deal with the issue of anger: Matthew 5:21-22
  - a. Anger can be a blessing and a curse.
    - 1) Anger is no respecter of persons.
    - 2) How serious is the problem of anger?
  - b. When is anger right and when is it wrong?
    - 1) Ephesians 4:26 –
    - 2) Justified anger is being angry about what would anger God.
    - 3) Justified anger is always disciplined and controlled; it is always limited to those who do wrong either against God or against others.
    - 4) Justified anger is never selfish.
  - c. “Whosoever is angry without a cause” First step
    - 1) When anger becomes personal because of circumstances and situations, words and even unforgiveness.

- d. "Whosoever shall say to his brother RACA..."
  - 1) Anger breaks forth to words.
  - 2) I John 3:15 –
  - 3) "in danger of the council" –
- e. Whosoever shall say, thou fool
  - 1) Calling this person an infidel – this was the ultimate act of destruction in a culture where reputation was a way of life.
  - 2) Jesus truly got their attention with this statement – "danger of hell fire"
- 5. Today's Take Away:
  - a. Does what is in your heart really matter?
    - 1) Does it matter if you are angry?
    - 2) Does it matter if your heart has been changed by the power of God?
    - 3) Does it matter if you are today angry with another brother or sister?