



GOD'S LAW WRITTEN IN YOUR HEART

Class Six

Want vs. Need

You never can fill your stomach... There is no need even trying.

• Exodus 20:1-17

- 1) And God spake all these words, saying,
- 2) I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 3) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- 5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- 6) And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 7) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 8) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9) Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10) But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- 11) For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 12) Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- 13) Thou shalt not kill.
- 14) Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15) Thou shalt not steal.
- 16) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 17) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

- The Last Commandment...

- Entirely in your head...

- Exodus 20:17

17) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

- Covetousness comes from within...

- Mark 7:18-23

18) And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

19) Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

20) And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21) For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22) Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23) All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

- It doesn't matter what goes in your mouth...

- It matters what comes out of your brain...

- We lust and are never satisfied

- Luke 12:15-21

15) And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16) And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17) And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18) And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19) And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20) But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21) So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

- It doesn't matter how big your barns are
 - It doesn't matter how much you have
- You are never satisfied...
- James 4:1-3
 - 1) From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?
 - 2) Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
 - 3) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
- You can't fill your stomach...
 - You have to learn how to control it...
- 1st Corinthians 6:12-20 (Read from NIV)
 - 12) All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
 - 13) Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.
 - 14) And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.
 - 15) Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.
 - 16) What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
 - 17) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
 - 18) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
 - 19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
 - 20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- We spend a lot of time fighting (and often losing) a battle with our Stomach...
 - Not the actual organ...
 - I'm talking about being beaten by a desire...
 - A Lust

- Something we covet...
- That's what Paul was confronting in Corinth
 - The Corinthians believed that they could do anything they wanted with their own bodies
- Paul says that they were being made slaves to their bodies...
 - Because they weren't obeying their minds...
- Genesis 1:25-27
 - 25) And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
 - 26) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
 - 27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- God had already made all of the animals...
 - Why bother with making Humans?
- What is different from a Human and an Animal?
 - Humans can think
 - Humans can allow their minds to control their bodies
- 1st Corinthians 9:24-27
 - 24) Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
 - 25) And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
 - 26) I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
 - 27) But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.
- Paul's point is that if we are called to follow Christ then we should raise ourselves above the reactions of animals
 - We should be able to beat our bodies into submission and do what is right...

- And not be beaten by our stomachs...
- We must change our way of thinking...
 - What is the solution to Coveting?
- To think that you have all that you need...
 - Instead of wanting all that we don't have
- We must become more like God...
 - Spiritual
- Not concerned with material things
 - Not interested in stealing from others
 - Hurting others
 - Sleeping with others
- We must become more like Christ.
- Colossians 3:5
 - 5) Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
- Examples
 - Wanting something that someone else has
 - Clothes
 - Toys
 - Wanting to be like someone else
 - Popularity
 - Position
- There is such a thing as "Good Coveting"...
 - Again, Christ turns it from a negative to a positive...
- Not only are we NOT supposed to Covet material things...

- But, we ARE supposed to covet Spiritual things...

- 1st Corinthians 12:31

- 31) But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

- 1st Corinthians 14:39

- 39) Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

- We should desire to be filled with Spiritual qualities...

- We should covet righteousness

- Not Evil...

- Examples, Examples, Examples

- ***Say it yourself***

- REVIEW

- The First Commandment

- ***It's NOT the "Ten Suggestions"***

- God is THE Authority
 - His laws are clear and unequivocal.

- Exodus 20:2

- 2) I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- The first Commandment isn't even a Commandment...
 - It's a Statement!
 - God establishes His Moral Authority and demands us to obey Him.

- The Second Commandment

- ***Answering the Age Old Question***

- What God is, and more importantly what He wants from us.

- Exodus 20:3-6

- 3) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
 - 4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
 - 5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
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- God is a Spirit
 - He is not a physical being
- God is not concerned about material things...
- He abhors materialism
 - He doesn't want us to be concerned about material things either
 - We should set nothing above Him in our lives.

- The Third Commandment

- Exodus 20:7

7) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

- We need to commit ourselves to serving Him and only Him
- We have to be serious about our commitment to Him
- We should not take it lightly
- We need to respect God's name and what it represents in our lives

- The Fourth Commandment

- ***Because I Say So!***

- Honoring God simply because it's the right thing to do

Exodus 20:8-11

- 8) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9) Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10) But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
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- Those in authority demand respect

- They not only deserve respect, but, it's the right thing to do
- God asks us to show Him respect DAILY
- The "Sabbath" was expanded...
 - We must worship God everyday.

- The Fifth Commandment

Exodus 20:12

12) Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

- Our parents deserve our honor and respect also
 - Not necessarily because they have done great things to earn it...
 - But, because God tells us to...

- The Sixth Commandment

• ***"As Long as it Doesn't Hurt Anybody Else..."***

- Everything you do affects others...
 - Some things REALLY do!

Exodus 20:13

13) Thou shalt not kill.

- All sins are in your head...
 - Some of them we act out and they actually cause physical harm to others
- But the battleground is in our head.

Whether it's hatred or lust...

- We fight the battle within, and we can only defeat the external foes if we are first victorious internally.

- The Seventh Commandment

- To look on another with lust in your heart is to sin...

Exodus 20:14

14) Thou shalt not commit adultery.

• The Eighth Commandment

• ***Honesty is the Best Policy***

- Honest dealings with others
 - Both physically and emotionally

Exodus 20:15

15) Thou shalt not steal.

- Dishonest actions...
- Dishonest statements...
 - It all comes from a dishonest mind
- We must strive to not only stop stealing...
 - But to work and earn money to give to those who are in need

• The Ninth Commandment

Exodus 20:16

16) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

- We must strive to not only stop lying
 - But to speak good things about others

• The Tenth Commandment

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maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

- We lust and are never satisfied...
 - We must change our way of thinking to have all that we need instead of want all that we don't have.
- We must become more like God...
 - Spiritual...
 - Not concerned with material things, not interested in stealing from others, hurting others, sleeping with others.
 - We must become more like Christ
- Conclusion...
- God hasn't changed since the time of Moses...
 - The plan of salvation hasn't changed since the time of Moses
- God's plan of salvation through Jesus was from the beginning of time...
 - The promise of Jesus was given to Adam and Eve...
- The Act of Worship has changed and will change
 - BUT, what God requires of us will always be the same
 - Right and Wrong will always be the same
- The Ten Commandments are an excellent guide to our life
 - The Ten Commandments are a ruler of Right and Wrong
- We can see Christ's Teachings in the Gospel of Moses also...
 - Hopefully, we have learned more about Christ's Teachings by looking at the Ten Commandments...
 - The Gospel According to Moses...