

Sermon Notes

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¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. Exodus 20:13-21

1. Murder:

Murder is the act of _____.

²¹ “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.’ ²² 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. Matthew 5:21-22

The verb denotes the deliberate taking of innocent life—personal, premeditated, homicide.

Jesus took the easiest command to follow and made it almost impossible.

2. Adultery:

Sex is a _____, a _____, a _____, but not a _____.

God’s gift of sex is given for the confines of marriage with _____ person of the _____.

...understanding of this command in Matthew 5. This is what He said:

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ^[e] ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. Matthew 5:27-30

Jesus wants us to see that sin is more than just an action, but _____ in the mind, even if the body hasn’t been involved.

3. Steal:

⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

⁸ “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Malachi 3:7-9

4. False Testimony:

Conflict is inevitable, but how we handle conflict is important. God is creating a community, and one of the enemies of _____ is when you lie about our neighbor.

5. Covet:

This command is different than the previous ones because it is dealing with the struggle before it turns into an outward action.

... each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. James 1:14-15

The last commandment helps us with the previous four, while the first commandment helps with the four that follow it.

6. Trust

⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you. Exodus 19:9 which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

7. Fear.

Don't be afraid - Adam and Eve had a fear of God after they sinned. They _____.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:16-18

There is a fear that compels us to _____, a fear that _____
_____. - "the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

Theophanies, Christophanies, and Typologies

Because Jesus is the fulfillment of the law (as He stated in Matthew 5), we can see the law as _____ Jesus.

Come to me to have life

The law has this purpose:

- It can be our _____.
- It can be our _____.
- It can be a _____.

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Luke 12:15

As we love our neighbor as ourselves, we stop looking at what others have, we stop pursuing an abundance of things, and discover there is life in being rich _____, in storing up for yourself _____.