

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

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INTRODUCTION

- This lesson addresses the value of life gleaned from Deut 5 and 19
- Should our value of life match what we see in the Bible?
- How do we view passages in the Bible where God’s people are commanded not to kill but if we do kill we must do it without pity?
 - ◆ Does the type of crime make the difference?
 - ◆ Does the intent of the heart of a criminal make the difference?
- And how should we address Abortion and Euthanasia?
 - ◆ Do we do little to nothing?
 - ◆ Do we go militant?
 - ◆ Do we write our Congressmen?
 - ◆ Do we protest outside abortion clinics?

Passage	Comments
Deut 5:1-6	<p>10 Commandments – Contradiction or Controversy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10 Commandments are primarily prohibitions... Thou Shalt Not Do... • v1. Hear, Learn, and Obey. How long does it take us to obey? Prime example: How many times do we see the posted max speed limit, yet we ignore it, or see it as a suggestion or a minimum speed limit, or make an excuse that everyone is speeding? • v2. What is this “Covenant” between God and Israel? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Essentially, God would bless IF Israel would obey ◆ Blessings entail health, wealth, peace, lots of kids ◆ 2nd part of that Covenant includes a curse if they do not obey, to include poverty, war, and early death ◆ Are we in such a Covenant with God today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider this: We may be adopted into God’s Kingdom (Jews by promise, not by birth) but we do not fall under this Jewish Covenant that was tied to the Land of Israel. • Some cause-and-effect blessings often come our way (e.g., we sow what we reap), but our eternal blessings come later • Remember. We are guaranteed persecution if we truly obey God..... Mark 10:30; 2Tim 3:12

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Deut 5:6-21	<p>Commandments Repeated of Exodus 20:2-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God’s command address how we should treat Him (I, II, III, IV); how to treat others (V, VI, VII); how we should behave ourselves (VIII, IX), and how we should think (X). These 10 Commandments are summed up in “Love God with all of your heart, and others as yourself” Luke 10:27 • v17. ‘Thou shalt not kill’ vs “kill with no pity” (19:13) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Can both these statements be true?YES! ◆ When is it OK to kill without it being murder? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicial execution for murder, kidnapping, rape, adultery, and idolatry? War? Self-defense? ◆ When is it against God’s will to kill a fellow human? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal agenda due to greed, hatred, anger? <p>Special note on Death Penalty for Commandments I-VII</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break any one of these commandments and one received the death penalty. Capital punishment for murder is understandable (life for life), but why execute someone for having an idol, cussing, missing church, disobeying mom or dad, or having sex? • Remember: These commands and their consequences were part of a one-of-a-kind covenantal agreement between God and Israel and Israel’s succeeding generations to make them a holy people, set apart for God’s purpose. These commands and their consequences were not applicable to other nations <p>Protect the Innocent, Slay the Guilty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v13. For Israel to prosper they needed to purge evil from their midst – and do it without showing pity • vv19-20. Purge the evil & society will respect the Law • v21. Life for Life – Just recompense for crimes. Show No Pity – IOW, be true to execute true justice • If we shy away from rendering equitable justice will society get worse or better over time? • How serious do we take the value of life?

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- The best answer for killing or not to kill is determined from the context of the passage
 - ◆ Where Scripture said to kill without showing pity or mercy there was outright wickedness involved (i.e., bestiality, child sacrifice, murder, adultery) – a good society must be protected
 - ◆ Where Scripture says to show compassion to the weak (who were not considered wicked), it is again to protect and preserve a good society. We must know what a good society looks like

NEXT WEEK: Deuteronomy 1-4. These early chapters re-iterate what was detailed in Numbers 1-33, and culminate in exhortations to observe God’s commandments whole-heartedly. Israel’s safety and prosperity depend on their loyalty and obedience to God

10 Commandments			
	Jewish	Protestant*	Catholic
I	I am the Lord your God who has taken you out of the land of Egypt.	You shall have no other gods but me.	I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
II	You shall have no other gods but me.	You shall not make unto you any graven images.	You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
III	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.
IV	You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy.	You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy.	Honor your father and your mother.
V	Honor your mother and father.	Honor your mother and father.	You shall not kill.
VI	You shall not murder.	You shall not murder.	You shall not commit adultery.
VII	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not steal.
VIII	You shall not steal.	You shall not steal.	You shall not bear false witness.
IX	You shall not bear false witness.	You shall not bear false witness.	You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
X	You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.	You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.	You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.