

**Didache Divine Service**  
**Session 3**  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

**The Ten Commandments: The Second Table of the Law—Love for the Neighbor**  
The Ninth and Tenth Commandments and the Close of the Commandments

- I. **Invocation and Prayer**
- II. **Hymn: 562 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"**
- III. **Bible Reading: The Rich Young Man—Mark 10:17-27**

As [Jesus] was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' "

<sup>20</sup> And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." <sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is <sup>[b]</sup> for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men *it* is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What do we learn about the Rich Young Man's faith by his question to Jesus?
- 2. What is Jesus' saying about all people in his reply to the young man?
- 3. Why does Jesus direct him to the Law? (The Second Table)
- 4. What does the young man believe about himself and Gods' Law?
- 5. What did Jesus have in His heart for this rich young man?
- 6. What was the One thing this man lacked?
- 7. What was Jesus calling the man to when He said, "Follow Me!"?
- 8. Why is it hard for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God?
- 9. What is impossible for us?
- 10. What is possible for God?

IV. **The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance:**

They show us our sin and how much we need a Savior.

The Law also teaches us what it is to love God and love the neighbor.

In Jesus' death upon the cross, we see the fulfillment of both tables of the Law.

**Ninth Commandment:** *(God desires to protect the affections of the heart.)*

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God*

*so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house,  
or get it in a way which only appears right,  
but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

**Tenth Commandment:** *(God desires to guard and protect the relationships He has given.)*

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,  
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God*

*so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals,  
or turn them against him,  
but urge them to stay and do their duty.*

***What does God say about all these commandments?***

**He says:**

**"I the Lord your God, am a jealous God,  
punishing the children for the sin of the fathers  
to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,  
but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me  
and keep My commandments."**

*What does this mean?*

*God threatens to punish all who break these commandments.*

*Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them.*

*But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments.*

*Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.*

**V. Hymn: 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (Stanzas 1-5)**

**VI. Liturgy for Holy Communion (Peach handout)**

**VII. Hymn to Depart: 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (Stanzas 6-10)**

Note: Please take the study sheet home with you. Please return the spoken liturgy for use next week.