

Didache Divine Service

Session 2

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2022

The Ten Commandments: The Second Table of the Law

The Fourth through Eighth Commandments

1. Invocation and Prayer
2. Hymn: 865 "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain the Catechism's Doctrine Plain"
3. **The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance: They show us our sin and how much we need a Savior.**

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

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

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

Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God

so that we do not despise preaching and His Word,

but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God

so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body,

but help and support him in every physical need.

Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God

so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do,

and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God

so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way,

but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God

so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

4. **Bible Reading:** Christ Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:17-20, 21-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37, 43-48

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one ^[b]jot or one ^[c]tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.¹⁹ Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those ^[d]of old, ‘**You shall not murder**, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’²² But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother ... shall be in danger of the judgment.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not commit adultery.**’²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not swear falsely**, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all ...³⁷ But let ^[n]your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘**You shall love your neighbor** and hate your enemy.’⁴⁴ ^[o]But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so?⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Q. What did Jesus come to do?

Q. Whose righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees?

Q. Why? (Why does Jesus’ love? Vs. Why do those who trust in their works “love”?)

Q. How do we receive the righteousness of Christ?

Q. What is murder?

Q. What is adultery?

Q. What is false witness?

Q. What love does the Law demand?

Q. From whom does our perfection come?

(Our baptism, Christ’s absolution, received by faith in Jesus’ death for our salvation)

Q. How does faith in Christ and His righteousness manifest itself in the life of the baptized Christian?

(Love of the unworthy and undeserving ahead of oneself and for the benefit of our enemies and fellow sinners).

5. Hymn: 581 “These Are the Holy Ten Commands” Stanzas 1, 11-12