

# Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#20] *Giving Life* – Deuteronomy 5:17

**Sermon Outline** – December 17, 2017

## Children's Sermon: Are We Wicked?

### Genesis 6:5

The Lord saw that the *wickedness* of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only *evil* continually.

What did God do to those wicked people?

Did anyone get saved? Why?

Are we any different?

### Genesis 8:21

And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is *evil* from his youth. ...

### My Prayer for You:

1. You will know you are wicked (Matthew 5:3–4 – Poor & Mourn)
2. You will Turn & Trust Jesus (Matthew 5:5–6 – Meek, Hunger f/ righteousness)
3. You will experience the joy & power of Spiritual growth

## The 10 Commandments

Putting on our Jesus glasses

Notes:

### #6 You Shall not Murder (5:17; Cf. 19:1–22:12)

### What was Israel to Understand? And Us?

1. Murder is wrong...
2. Manslaughter is wrong... (Cf. Num. 35:22–34)
3. Suicide is wrong...
4. Negligence is wrong... (Cf. Deut. 22:8)

### Murder & Building-Up Begin in the Heart

#### Matthew 5:21–22

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that *everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment*; whoever insults (says *Raca to*) his brother will be liable to the

council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

**Matthew 12:36** (Tree – Fruit)

<sup>36</sup> I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for *every careless word* they speak...

Therefore: Worship God in Truth

**Back to Matthew 5:23–24**

<sup>23</sup> So **if you are offering your gift at the altar** and there remember that your brother has something against you,

<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

*Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...*

We are judged for every careless word and each and every corrupt thought. We are murderers!



**Turn & Trust Jesus!**

Jesus Gave His Life for Our Life (True Worship/Love)

**Ephesians 5:1–2**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Romans 8:32, 18, 35–37**

<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but ***gave him up for us all***, how *will he not also with him graciously give us all things?* ...

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with **the glory** that is to be revealed to us. ...

<sup>35</sup> **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, ***in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.***

## ...Fired at our Life & Heart

In Jesus we have been loved perfectly, we have loved perfectly (in him) and we are pursuing true worship expressed by love of brother (through faith in him).



### From Murderers to Self-Sacrifice

#### **Ephesians 4:20–32**

<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!— <sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is **corrupt** through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ... <sup>26</sup> **Be angry and do not sin**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief... <sup>29</sup> Let no **corrupting** talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for **building up**, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all **bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander** be put away from you, along with **all malice**. <sup>32</sup> **Be kind** to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, as God in Christ forgave you.

#### **1 John 3:14–18**

<sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we **love the brothers**. Whoever does not love **abides in death**. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> **By this we know love**, that **he laid down his life for us**, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

<sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

# The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 40

## Q & A 105

Q. What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others;<sup>1</sup> rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge.<sup>2</sup> I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.<sup>3</sup> Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.<sup>4</sup>

1 Gen. 9:6; Lev. 19:17-18; Matt. 5:21-22; 26:52

2 Prov. 25:21-22; Matt. 18:35; Rom. 12:19; Eph. 4:26

3 Matt. 4:7; 26:52; Rom. 13:11-14

4 Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:14; Rom. 13:4

## Q & A 106

Q. Does this commandment refer only to murder?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness.<sup>1</sup> In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.<sup>2</sup>

1 Prov. 14:30; Rom. 1:29; 12:19; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 John 2:9-11

2 1 John 3:15

## Q & A 107

Q. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves,<sup>1</sup> to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them,<sup>2</sup> to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.<sup>3</sup>

1 Matt. 7:12; 22:39; Rom. 12:10

2 Matt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:36; Rom. 12:10, 18; Gal. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 3:8

3 Ex. 23:4-5; Matt. 5:44-45; Rom. 12:20-21 (Prov. 25:21-22)