

Sermon Notes

The Ten Words: The Seventh Word

Deuteronomy 5:18

7/31/22

1. This morning, we continue our study of the second table of **content** of the Ten Commandments with the third of its 6 commandments.
 - a. Once again, let's remember that as the first table governs our relationship to the **God of Life**, the second table governs our relationship to the **gift of life**.
 - i. This gift we receive both as **individuals** and as a **community**.
 - ii. We have a responsibility to **apply** it **both** as individuals and as communities.
 - iii. This is not simply about **private** morality, it is also about **public** morality.
 - b. The first table of the law, then, has a unique relationship to the special (**saving**) grace of God that leads to restored relationship with him in **Christ**, the second table of the law has a unique relationship to the **common** grace of God that leads us to the fullest experience of human **flourishing** that can be achieved in this world.
 - i. God intends that we should be leading the way in living it out, **promoting** it, and allowing the beauty, love, wisdom and **power** of it to lead others to his special, **saving** grace.
2. These 6 commandments cover our relationship to **human life** under these headings:
 - a. (5th) The **Structures** of Human Life. "Honor your father and mother."
 - b. (6th) The **Value** of Human Life. "You shall not murder."
 - c. (7th) The **Furtherance** of Human Life. "You shall not commit adultery."
 - d. (8th) The **Sustaining** of Human Life. "You shall not steal."
 - e. (9th) The **Language** of Human Life. "You shall not bear false witness."
 - f. (10th) The **Enjoyment** of Human Life. "You shall not covet."
3. The _____ of Human Life.
 - a. As with many other works of God, the best place to start in _____ them is with his _____.
 - i. Objective: something that one's efforts or _____ are intended to attain or _____.
 - ii. We have spoken of this before re: his works throughout the unfolding plan of _____.
 - a. And identified that objective to be the ultimate creation of _____.
 - b. The _____ of this objective helps us understand:
 1. why we were created with _____ will,
 2. why it was necessary for God to _____ us to salvation,
 3. what his _____ in us actually does or doesn't do, and
 4. what our _____ will be.
 - iii. The _____ is true here.
 - a. The _____ to understanding this commandment and its contents is identifying God's objective in creating human life _____. (Genesis 1:26-28)
 1. In his _____.
 2. _____ and _____
 3. _____
 - i. _____ beings
 - ii. With both _____ and _____.
 - b. We can summarize this objective with the word: _____.
 - b. The _____ of human life includes its:

- i. _____ (into all the earth)
- ii. _____ (into what it means to subdue it)
- iii. _____ (into the future)
- iv. _____ (into the coming kingdom)
 - a. But even after the _____ there continues to be both a _____ grace and a special _____ aspect to God's purposes with mankind.
 - b. While one may _____ the other, they are both active.
- c. This furtherance has _____, intellectual, emotional, developmental, _____ and relational aspects.
 - i. Because of this, God made _____ to be the _____ from which this furtherance would take place.
 - a. From _____ the fall. (Genesis 2:21-25)
 - b. And _____. (Malachi 2:10-16)
 - c. God's _____ for marriage was that it might be the source of human life's _____ – of its flourishing.
 - 1. This is why he warns us not to _____ what he has joined together there. (Matthew 19:1-6)
 - i. One _____ + one _____ = marriage.
 - d. Upon reflection, though, it is clear that in marriage, God has _____ together _____ than just a male and a female. (Matthew 19:7-12)
 - 1. In joining a male and a female in marriage, God also _____ to marriage.
 - 2. To live outside of _____ is to live without _____.
 - i. This is the _____ testimony of scripture. (I Corinthians 7:1-2)
 - 1. And recently re-affirmed by _____.

“That synod affirm that ‘unchastity’ in the Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 108 encompasses adultery, premarital sex, extra-marital sex, polyamory, pornography and homosexual sex, all of which violate the Seventh Commandment...”

- ii. The definition of sexual immorality is sex _____ of _____.
- 3. Here too, we must make sure that what _____ has joined together we do not _____.
- 4. This is _____ God has given us the 7th commandment.
 - i. Though _____ sexual sins are subsumed under this commandment, adultery is the _____ and most important example, because adultery is the first _____ to fall in our _____ of sex in any other relationship.
 - 1. “If it need not be kept in _____ boundaries, why must be kept in _____ boundaries?”
 - 2. And this acceptance begins in the _____ before it does so in the _____. (Mt. 5:27-28)
 - ii. And we must make sure that this aspect of the marital relationship is _____ and _____.
 - 1. Facilitating _____ and providing a place for our God-given desire to _____ itself in holiness. (I Corinthians 7:3-5)
- ii. As the _____ for the furtherance of human life and its flourishing, God made marriage to be a place of both _____ and _____.
- iii. Let us then _____ marriage as what God made it to be, and live our lives, either as marrieds or singles, _____.