

“O How Love I Thy Law!”
The Sixth Commandment
“All Lives Matter”
Exodus 20:13

Introduction:

1. For One More Time:
 - In Our Series On “O How Love I Thy Law”:
 - We Will Return To The Sixth Commandment:
 - Found In Exodus 20:13:
 - Where God Tells Us:
 - “Thou Shalt Not Kill!”
2. Now - We’ve Already Looked At:
 - The Great Doctrine:
 - That Underlies:
 - This Commandment!
 - The Truth That:
 - God Is A God Of Life!
 - We’ve Also Seen:
 - How That God:
 - Not Only Reproves Us:
 - For How We Think About, Treat, And Even Talk About:
 - The Lives Of Others!
 - But - He Also:
 - Points Us To The One:
 - Who Alone Fulfilled:
 - This Commandment - And Now:
 - Is Able To Correct Us When We Put Our Faith In Him:
 - The Lord Jesus Christ!
3. Well - Tonight:
 - We Are Going To Look At Another Aspect:
 - Of This Commandment:
 - And How It Can Be Used:
 - In Very Practical Ways:
 - To Help Instruct Us - As Believers In Christ:
 - In The Way Of Righteousness And Holiness!
 - Even As We Are Told:
 - Back In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: / That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works!”
4. And - To That End:
 - I Chose The Title & Theme:
 - For This Message On Purpose:
 - “All Lives Matter!”
 - I Didn’t Chose This:
 - To Be Political Or Controversial:
 - Or Even To Be Cute:
 - But Because:
 - It Is The Absolute Truth:
 - Which We’ve Already Stated In Different Terms!
- Since All Lives:
 - Are Precious To The Living God:
 - All Lives:
 - Are To Be Precious To Us!
 - And - Since All Lives Matter:
 - To Our Lord Jesus Christ:
 - Lives For Whom He Came And Died:
 - All Lives:

- Are To Matter To Us As Well!

- So That Now:

- We As Christians Are To Live Like It:
- Ever Single Day Of Our Lives!

5. If You Remember From Last Week:

- The Gospels Describe:
 - The Thoughts And Feelings Of Jesus:
 - Toward Others:
 - In A Very Special Way!

- As We See:

- From Matthew 9:35-38 - We Are Told That:
 - “Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. / But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd!”

- Jesus Had Compassion:

- For Everyone:
 - Because All Lives Mattered:
 - To Him!

6. And Now - His Compassion:

- Is To Be Our Compassion:
 - That Leads To:
 - A Special Care & Concern:
 - For The Lives Of Others!

- Even As The Compassion Of Jesus:

- Led Him To:
 - Help People:
 - Heal People:
 - And Offer Them Real Hope!

- This Is To Be Our Mission:

- And Our Path In Life:
 - As Well - And:
 - Our Compassion & Care For The Lives Of Others:
 - Ought To Extend To Every Aspect Of Their Lives:
 - Even As We See In Jesus!

* So - First - We Need A Compassion That Will Express Itself In:

1. ***A Care For The Natural Life Of Others!***

- That Is - For The Very:

- Life And Breath Given To Them By The Lord:
 - Who Gave Them Life!
 - Because All Lives Matter:
 - To Him!

- One Of The Great Sins And Offenses:

- Against God Addressed In The Bible:
 - Is The Shedding Of Innocent Blood!
 - In Exodus 23:7 - The Lord Says - “Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked!”

- And Yet - What Happened Many Times:

- Even Among The Children Of Israel?
 - Their Hands Were Guilty Of:
 - “Shedding Innocent Blood!”

- As Christians:

- We Need To Express:
 - Compassion & Care:
 - Especially For The Lives Of Those Who Are Innocent:
 - And Are In Danger Of Having Their Lives Taken!

- The Greatest Example Of This Today:

- Is The Plight Of The Unborn:
 - Through The Murderous Act:
 - Of Abortion!
- Now - If I Were To Take A Poll:
 - Of The Members Of This Church:
 - To Find Out What You Think About:
 - Abortion - I'm Sure That You Would All Feel The Same Way & Say The Same Things:
 - As God Does!
- We Hate The Thought Of Abortion:
 - And We Make Statements:
 - Condemning It!
 - But - What Have We Done, Personally, To Promote Or Even To Guard:
 - That Innocent Life?
- Remember How Jesus:
 - Felt About Children:
 - When He Was On Earth? And:
 - Remember What Jesus:
 - Said About Children?
 - In Mark 10:13-16 - When - "They brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. / But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. / Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. / And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them!"
 - Every Single Child:
 - Born Or Unborn:
 - Are Lives Created By God:
 - In "His Own Image" And After "His Own Likeness" - And:
 - They Matter To Him!
 - What Compassion Jesus Had:
 - Toward Children!
 - A Compassion That Led Him:
 - To Physically Care For Them:
 - In His Own, Everlasting Arms!
 - We Need To Learn From Jesus:
 - And Care For Innocent Life:
 - As He Did! Certainly:
 - By Guiding:
 - Those Lives:
 - To Him!
 - Imagine How Embarrassed The Disciples Of Jesus Must Have Felt:
 - When Jesus Welcomed The Same Ones They Were Turning Away!
 - And - If They Didn't Feel Ashamed, They Should Have!
 - We Should Always Welcome:
 - The Lives Of The Innocent:
 - Especially Children:
 - Into Our Own Lives:
 - In Order To Guide Them To The Lord Jesus!
 - But - There May Also Be Other Times:
 - When We Care For Innocent Life:
 - By Guarding:
 - Those Lives!
 - In Proverbs 24:11-12 - We Hear These Solemn Words:
 - "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; / If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?"
 - Have We Failed:

- To Guard And Protect The Innocent Lives:
 - Of Those Who We Have Been In A Position To:
 - “Deliver” As They Were “Drawn Unto Death?”
- Have We Prayed:
 - For Them?
- Have We Pursued:
 - After Them?
- Have We Protected:
 - Them - With The Means God Has Given Us?
- We Must Act:
 - On Our Belief:
 - That All Lives Matter:
 - To The Lord - If It Is True!
 - God May Call:
 - On Some Of You:
 - To Reach Out To Single Mothers:
 - Who Are Overwhelmed By Their Circumstances:
 - In Order To Help Guide Them And To Guard The Innocent Life:
 - Of Their Unborn Child!
 - God May Call:
 - On Others:
 - To Offer Up Their Homes:
 - To Care For And, Perhaps, Even Adopt:
 - Unwanted Children!
 - And - I Believe:
 - That God Calls On:
 - All Of His People:
 - To Use Their Voices And Even Their Votes:
 - To Promote The Lives Of The Most Innocent And Vulnerable Among Us!
 - And - This Is Especially True:
 - In The Election:
 - That Is Coming Up This November!
 - Consider That Innocent Lives:
 - Are On The Ballot!
 - Its Not Just About Personalities:
 - But Policies And Platforms:
 - That Either Promote & Protect Innocent Life, Or Don't!
- Like Our Savior:
 - We Need To Have Compassion:
 - That Will Lead Us To Action:
 - In Order To Care For The Natural Life:
 - Of The Most Innocent Lives Of All!
 - Because Their Lives Matter!

* But Then - Second - We Also Need A Compassion That Will Express Itself In:

2. *A Care For The Physical Life Of Others!*

- That Is - For The Physical Needs:
 - That People Have:
 - Because Of The Fallen World:
 - In Which We All Live!
- Isn't This Too:
 - What Jesus Did:
 - When He Was In This World?
 - His Work In This World:
 - Was Constantly:
 - A Work Of Life!
- He Helped:

- Those With Physical Needs!
 - Even Basic Needs:
 - Like Food And Water!
- In Mark 14:14-21:
 - We Are Told About An Incredible Miracle!
 - And - The Focus Of Christ's Miracle Was Food!
 - "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. / 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. / 16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. / 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. / 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. / 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. / 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. / 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children!"
- Jesus Cared For & Personally Helped With:
 - The Physical Needs:
 - Of That Great Crowd Of People!
 - But - Did You Notice What Else Jesus Did?
- He Healed:
 - Those With Physical Needs!
 - Mark 14:14 - "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick!"
 - Now - We Don't Know:
 - All The Kinds Of People:
 - That Were In That Crowd Of People!
 - But - It Was Likely Filled With Many Of The Same "Publicans And Sinners" That Jesus Met With And Ate With On A Regular Basis!
- And - This Is The Kind:
 - Of Compassion & Care:
 - We Need To Have:
 - For The Lives Of Others As Well!
 - We Need To Be:
 - Ready, Willing, And Able:
 - To Help & To Offer Whatever We Can:
 - To Heal:
 - The Physical Needs Of Others!
 - When Jesus Sent His Disciples:
 - On One Of Their First Missions:
 - He Told Them In Mark 10:7-8 - "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. / Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give!"
- Now - I Know That:
 - We May Not Be Able To:
 - "Heal" The Same Way Jesus And His Disciples Were Able To:
 - But - In Many Ways - We Can Help Support And Even Improve:
 - The Lives Of Others:
 - With The Resources We Have Been Given By The Lord!
 - Jesus Says To You Tonight:
 - "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give!"
 - You And I Have So Many Resources That Others In This World Do Not!
 - We Have The Resource:
 - Of Money!
 - Compared To So Many In The Rest Of This World:
 - We Are Rich Beyond Their Imagination!
 - Are We Using:
 - What God Has Given Us:

- To Help In The Lives Of Others?
- We Have The Resource:
 - Of Time!
 - Again, Compared To So Many In The Rest Of The World:
 - Who Have Little Discretionary Time At Their Disposal:
 - We Are Free!
 - Are We Using:
 - The Time God Has Given Us:
 - To Help In The Lives Of Others?
- Those Who:
 - Jesus Came To Help & To Heal:
 - Were Undeserving:
 - Of His Mercy And His Provision!
 - Just Like You & Just Like Me!
 - And Yet:
 - He “Freely Gave” - Not Only What He Had:
 - But Who He Was!
 - And So Should We!
 - Because - All Lives Matter:
 - Before The Lord!

* But Also - We Need A Compassion That Will Express Itself In:

3. *A Care For The Spiritual Life Of Others!*

- Once Again:
 - Following After The Example Of The Lord!
 - Who - According To Matthew 12:17-20 - Fulfilled The Words Of Isaiah - As We Are Told:
 - “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, / Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. / He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. / A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory!”
 - Here - We See That Jesus Cared For:
 - The Emotional Nature:
 - Of Man - By Coming:
 - Not To “Break” The Reed:
 - That Is “Bruised” - But:
 - To Sooth It And Support It:
 - Before It Fell Dead:
 - Upon The Ground!
 - Also - Jesus Came:
 - Not To “Quench” Or Snuff Out:
 - The “Flax” That Was Smoking Or Smoldering:
 - Just About To Go Out - But:
 - To Fan It Until It Regained Its Heat And Light Once Again!
 - Of Course:
 - The “Bruised Reed” & The “Smoking Flax” Are:
 - Illustrations And Metaphors:
 - For The Fragile Nature:
 - Of Our Mind And Spirit!
 - And Yet:
 - Even Those Fragile Lives:
 - Mattered To The Lord!
 - Who Are The Most Fragile:
 - Amongst Us Today?
 - Perhaps, The Mentally Disabled, Or The Mentally Disturbed:
 - Or Even The Elderly Who Are Suffering From And Struggling With Dementia!
 - How Do We Care For:
 - Their Lives?

- The Same Way Jesus Did?
 - Softly And Tenderly!
 - With Patience And Persistence!
- Yes - As It Says In:
 - Romans 12:15 - We Are To “Rejoice with them that do rejoice!”
 - But - We Are Also Called To “Weep with them that weep!”
- How Do You Think Toward:
 - And - How Do You Treat:
 - Those Who Are Fragile Today:
 - In Their Spirit?
 - Because, Their Lives Matter!
 - But - This Should Also:
 - And Especially Extend To:
- The Eternal Nature:
 - Of Man! After All:
 - This Is What Motivated Jesus:
 - To Care For:
 - Innocent Life:
 - As He Guarded And Guided The Most Vulnerable!
 - This Is What Motivated Jesus:
 - To Care For:
 - The Physical Lives & Needs:
 - Of The People He Met:
 - In Order To Help Them And Heal Them!
 - This Is What Motivated Jesus:
 - To Care For:
 - The Broken-Hearted & Sorrowful In Spirit!
 - Jesus Came - First And Foremost:
 - As We Are Told In:
 - Luke 19:10 - “To seek and to save that which was lost!”
 - If The Eternal & Spiritual Lives:
 - Of Others Really Mattered To Us:
 - Wouldn't We Be:
 - More Earnest:
 - In Our Prayers?
 - More Evangelistic:
 - In Our Conversations?
 - And - More Empathetic:
 - To The Plight Of Others?
 - So - Even Though The Gospel Of Jesus Christ:
 - Does Have Some Social Elements To It:
 - Like We've Already Seen:
 - It Is Not Merely A Social Gospel!
 - Because - No Matter How:
 - Long A Person Lives:
 - With The Natural Life:
 - Given To Them By God!
 - And - No Matter How:
 - Healthy A Person Is:
 - In The Physical Life:
 - They Have!
 - And Even - No Matter How:
 - Fulfilled And Positive A Person Feels:
 - In Their Spiritual Life!
 - Without Eternal Life:
 - When Their Life Is Gone:
 - They Are Lost Forever!
 - And - This Ought To Break Our Hearts!

- And This Is Why:
 - In James 5:20 - James Writes:
 - “Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins!”
- The Mission That Jesus Gave Us:
 - Matters - Because:
 - The Eternal, Spiritual Life:
 - Of Others:
 - Matters Most!

Conclusion:

1. So - How Will The Sixth Commandment:
 - Which - Doesn't Just Deal With Death:
 - But - With Life:
 - Change How You Think:
 - And - How You Will Treat:
 - The Lives Of Others?
2. Remember:
 - Since All Lives:
 - Are Precious To God:
 - All Life:
 - Is To Be Precious To Us!
 - And - Since All Lives Matter:
 - To The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - All Lives:
 - Are To Matter To Us As Well!
3. Do All Lives:
 - Truly Matter:
 - To You Tonight?

- * Is There A Christ-Like Compassion In Your Heart For The Lives Of Others?
- * For The Natural, Physical, And Spiritual Needs All Around You?
- * How Are You Showing That All Lives Matter To You, As They Do To God?

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