

Sermon Notes – July 15, 2018

Review

- The Ten Commandments are not simply rules; they are an expression of God’s character & God’s heart for His people.
- When we think about the Old Testament Law, it’s important to differentiate between the **Ceremonial Law** (like the sacrifices), the **Civil Law** (for Israel as a nation), and the **Moral Law** (an expression of God’s character for all peoples in all places at all times).
- Not only does the OT Law tells us what God is like, but it shows us our brokenness & sinfulness. Let’s face it: We can’t keep God’s law perfectly. Not even close. We need a Savior.
- Last week we saw that we are not only to worship God & Him alone, but we are to worship God the right way (no idols).

Today’s Text: Exodus 20:1-7

People often think of the Third Commandment only as a prohibition against swearing or cursing. But is there more to it than that? And aren’t words just words? What’s the big deal anyway? (READ the text)

What’s in a Name?

- ⇒ In the Bible we regularly see _____ having HIGH significance.
- ⇒ God’s “name” includes His _____, character, authority, power, and _____ (Walter Kaiser).
 - Exodus 3:13-15 “Yahweh” = “I am who I am”; His Self-Existence. Also, Esau (“red”) & Jacob (“heel grabber”).
 - Exodus 34:5-7 His character
- ⇒ Thus, to treat God’s name lightly is to treat HIM lightly!
 - Leviticus 10:1-3 (“By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy” – NKJ)
 - Leviticus 24:10-23 (“blasphemed the Name & cursed”)
 - I Chronicles 13:7-10 & 15:13 (Wrong worship)

Exodus 20:1-17
Pastor Jay Mosser
Honoring God by Honoring His Name

What Does It Mean to “Misuse” the Name of God? (NIV)

- ⇒ Certainly, this applies to ways in which people sometimes use God’s name in a casual, _____ way, or as a curse.
- ⇒ In Leviticus 18:21 & numerous similar texts, misuse of God’s name is tied in with worshiping false gods or _____ “worship” (as in Malachi 1:6-7). The idea is this: *As a follower of the God of the Bible, you carry His name! By your behavior, do not drag His name through the mud!*
- ⇒ “The disciples were first called ‘Christians’ at Antioch.” (Acts 11:26)
- ⇒ The Third Commandment, then, is surely a call to clean up our _____; but even more, it is a call to treat God Himself – as represented by His name – as truly holy and honorable in our _____, in our lives, and yes, in our words. If Jesus Himself refers to His Father as “Holy Father” and “Righteous Father,” how much more should we do the same (John 17:11 & 25).

Implications & Response

- ⇒ We live in a very _____ day. Values like respect, decorum, & honor are often met with, “Don’t take life so seriously” or “I’m just being myself” or “Lighten up!”
- ⇒ Did you watch the news this week? Why were the media interested in “President Trump meets Queen Elizabeth II”?
- ⇒ Paul ascribes to Jesus, “the Name above all names.” To honor the Name of Jesus is to Honor everything about HIM. Philippians 2:5-11
- ⇒ Hebrews 12:18-29 is a call for reverence, repentance, & humble faith. Verse 25 is not an “invitation”; it is a command.

Next Sunday: July 22, 2018

“Rest for Your Body, Rest for Your Soul”

Exodus 20:1-17

Pastor Tyler Pease

Answer Key: ▪ names ▪ person ▪ reputation ▪ flippant ▪ inappropriate ▪ language ▪ worship ▪ casual ▪