

# The Ten Commandments



## Part 3

### Commandments 4-6

(Love Neighbor – Especially Family)

# The Divine Service

## Why Divine Service Setting III?

- Historical Practice – most of our hymnbooks in our history had only one “Divine Service.” In 1982 multiple Divine Services were introduced and now we *seem* stuck with them.
- It’s the most “historical.” (I, II, & IV are modern inventions utilizing 1970’s music sensibilities. V tries to recreate Luther’s German Mass)
- 1 Corinthians 14:40 – But all things should be done decently and in order.
- Uniformity is not mandated but really nice when it happens.
- *Repetitio est mater studiorum*
- Rote is ALWAYS a temptation

## The Fourth Commandment

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

<sup>105</sup> To the position of fatherhood and motherhood God has given special distinction above all positions that are beneath it: He does not simply command us to love our parents, but to honor them...<sup>106</sup> For it is a far higher

thing to honor someone than to love someone, because honor includes not only love, but also modesty, humility, and submission to a majesty hidden in them...<sup>108</sup> We must, therefore, impress this truth upon the young [Deuteronomy 6:7] that they should think of their parents as standing in God's place. They should remember that however lowly, poor, frail, and strange their parents may be, nevertheless, they are the father and the mother given to them by God. Parents are not to be deprived of their honor because of their conduct or their failings. (LC)

➔ The Authority of Parents is over all other authority.

Three kinds of Fathers:

- 1) **Biological** Father – PRIMARY
- 2) Civil Father
- 3) Spiritual Father

### **The other side...**

<sup>167</sup> In addition, it would be well to preach to the parents also, and to those who bear their office. Tell them how they should behave toward those who are given to them for their governance...<sup>168</sup> He does not wish to have rogues and tyrants in this office and government. He does not assign this honor to them, that is, power and authority to govern, so they can have themselves worshiped. But they should consider that they are obligated to obey God. First of all, they should seriously and faithfully fulfill

their office, not only to support and provide for the bodily necessities of their children, servants, subjects, and so on, but, most of all, they should train them to honor and praise God [Proverbs 22:6]... <sup>170</sup> Here again the sad plight arises that no one sees or hears this truth. All live on as though God gave us children for our pleasure or amusement and servants so that we could use them like a cow or an ass, only for work... <sup>172</sup> For if we wish to have excellent and able persons both for civil and Church leadership, we must spare no diligence, time, or cost in teaching and educating our children, so that they may serve God and the world. <sup>173</sup> We must not think only about how we may amass money and possessions for them. God can indeed support and make them rich without us, as He daily does. But for this purpose He has given us children and issued this command: we should train and govern them according to His will. Otherwise, He would have no purpose for a father and a mother.  
(LC)

## **The Fifth Commandment**

The 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.

- Matthew 5:21-26

## Special Concerns for today:

- Abortion
  - The main question – What is the unborn?
  - S.L.E.D.
  - Seeing it is dangerous but extremely powerful!
- Euthanasia
  - What is a “good death?”
  - “Quality of life” is never a good argument.
  - End of life decisions can be HARD.
  - Terri Schiavo case study. (Died March 31, 2005)
- Transgender
  - EVERY child struggles with being comfortable in their body.
  - Transgender drugs and surgery do PERMANENT damage.

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*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.

- Genesis 1:28, 2:18-25

- Ephesians 5:22-33

### Special Concerns for Today:

- PORNOGRAPHY
- Diversion?
  - TV average – 2.86 hrs/DAY... older people are worse offenders. (Television doesn't relax your brain but turns it off!)
  - Average American spends 7 hours looking at a screen each day!!! (Includes TV)
- Definition of Marriage
- Broken homes (which creates more broken homes).
- No fault divorce and the welfare system.

## Preparation For Confession and Absolution According to the Ten Commandments

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*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Do I submit to those whom God has put in authority over me?

Have I been ashamed of, angry, stubborn, or disrespectful toward my parents, teachers, employer, pastor, government or other authorities?

Do I obey all the laws of the city, state and country, and pay my rightful share of all taxes?

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Have I unjustly taken the life of anyone, born or unborn?

Do I hate anyone, or am I angry with anyone?

Do I hold grudges or harbor resentment?

Am I abusive (in word or deed) toward my spouse, children, or anyone else?

Have I ignored the plight of the helpless or been callous toward genuine need?

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Have I held in highest regard God's gift of sexuality or have I debased it in any way by my thoughts, words or conduct?

Am I guilty of lust, indecency, or the use of pornography?

Have I reserved my sexual activity for the pleasure and consolation of my spouse, and when God wills, the procreation of children?