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Three Thoughts About Ten Words

The significance to the Hebrew people of the Law of Moses cannot be overemphasized. “For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues” (Acts 15:21). The Ten Commandments set out the logic and preamble to the Law of Moses (Exodus 20:1-17). What should we know about the ten commandments? What was God trying to communicate? Why these ten? Why not others? What are the lasting lessons of what we commonly call the “Ten Commandments”?

First, we should notice that they are statements, more than commands. For example, notice that verse three does not say, “Do not have any other gods,” as a command, but rather, “You shall have no other gods before me,” as a statement of fact. The ten “words” (v. 1) form the contract of the Covenant. They explain as a matter of fact who God’s people would be in this covenant. The thunder at the top of the mountain reinforced the message (v. 18-21). These were non-negotiable decrees, not guidelines or suggestions.

Second, we should notice that the ten statements have an internal logic. They begin with a statement of God’s identity (v. 2), and then the first three statements show how God is to be known:

- I. To you there are no other gods
- II. No idols
- III. No lifting up the name of YHWH to emptiness

Statements four and five form a transition. These two rules show how God’s identity will begin to shape Israel’s way of life.

- IV. Remember the Sabbath and keep it separate (holy)
- V. Honor Father and Mother

The remaining five statements end with how to treat others. Israel’s relationship to others was built upon its relationship to God.

- VI. No murder
- VII. No stealing
- VIII. No adultery
- IX. No bearing false witness
- X. Do not covet

Third, we should notice the strong connection between God’s identity in the beginning and human relationships at the end. How we relate to one another is inseparable from how we relate to God, “for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20). Righteousness begins at the top, in knowing God. From God proceeds all right living. Sin tends to work its way up the ten commandments from the bottom. It begins with misplaced desire, and ends with a rejection of God altogether.

Our relationship to the ten words (or ten commandments) is different than that of Israel, but we can still learn much from them. They are the rules that shaped the life of Jesus whom we imitate, and so they are indispensable for our lives today.

by Benjamin J. Williams

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SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

From *The Imitation of Christ*

“He follows Me, walks not in darkness,” says the Lord. By these words of Christ we are advised to imitate His life and habits, if we wish to be truly enlightened and free from all blindness of heart. Let our chief effort, therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ.

The teaching of Christ is more excellent than all the advice of the saints, and he who has His spirit will find in it a hidden manna. Now, there are many who hear the Gospel often but care little for it because they have not the spirit of Christ. Yet whoever wishes to understand fully the words of Christ must try to pattern his whole life on that of Christ.

What good does it do to speak learnedly about the Trinity if, lacking humility, you displease the Trinity? Indeed it is not learning that makes a man holy and just, but a virtuous life makes him pleasing to God. I would rather feel contrition than know how to define it. For what would it profit us to know the whole Bible by heart and the principles of all the philosophers if we live without grace and the love of God? Vanity of vanities and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone.

This is the greatest wisdom -- to seek the kingdom of heaven through contempt of the world. It is vanity, therefore, to seek and trust in riches that perish. It is vanity also to court honor and to be puffed up with pride. It is vanity to follow the lusts of the body and to desire things for which severe punishment later must come. It is vanity to wish for long life and to care little about a well-spent life. It is vanity to be concerned with the present only and not to make provision for things to come. It is vanity to love what passes quickly and not to look ahead where eternal joy abides.

Often recall the proverb: “The eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear filled with hearing.” Try, moreover, to turn your heart from the love of things visible and bring yourself to things invisible. For they who follow their own evil passions stain their consciences and lose the grace of God.

by Thomas à Kempis

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upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties meetings

Sunday, March 8th

Tulsa Area Wide Youth Rally -- here!

Sunday, March 15th

Elders and Deacons Meeting at 3:30pm

Saturday, March 28th

Ladies Day - Broken Arrow, see bulletin board for more information

Saturday, March 28th

Easter Egg Hunt --here!

Sunday, March 29th

5th Sunday, noon meal with early evening service, group Path

June 7-12th

Frog Road Camp - www.frogroad.com

July 22-24

VBS Paul's Journey's - here!

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Alma Marquez has had a bit of good news. The cancer has not spread. She will still under go treatment but hopefully it wont be as extensive as originally thought. Continued prayers!
- Rita Risley's aunt, Betty Peters, passed away. The funeral services were this past Saturday, March 7, in Missouri. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Oleta Exendine's family has requested that anyone calling to check in on her, please call Tami's phone at 918-407-3092.

THOSE RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

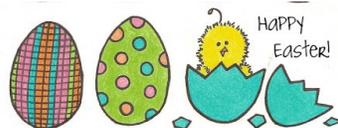
- Betty Simmons, knee
- Karen Brown, back

Service men and women: Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Guten (Afghanistan)

Our friends and family: Suzanne Stamps; Jeanene Thomas (cancer); Becky's father, Larry Isaacs; Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); Larry Isaacs (chemo); Bryant Calip (chemo); Bill Taylor (cancer); Jerry O'Shields; Jesse Byers (knee pain); Betty Jo Heltzel

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 28, there will be an Egg Hunt here at the building in our front yard. The time is still to be determined. We will need eggs and candy donated. You can either donate the eggs pre-filled or donate them separately and we will have people fill them. If you can help in any way with this up coming event, please see Tonya Davidson.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Causby, Mar 8
Billy & Andrea Russell, Mar 12
Bruce & Lilia Rothell, Mar 12
Carson Hallsted, Mar 15
Shirley Hood, Mar 15

Melinda & Steven Jones, Mar 16
Sarah Jones, Mar 17
Ryan McCafferty, Mar 17
Jack Lierly, Mar 18
Bruce Rothell, Mar 19

Colby Martinez, Mar 22
Cindy Khoury, Mar 22
Michael Figueiredo, Mar 23
Johnny & Marcia Riggs, Mar 23
Janic O'Shields, Mar 24



YOUTH RALLY

We will be hosting the Tulsa Area Wide Youth Rally this evening. Everyone will stay in the auditorium for services. No evening classes.

AUTOMATED PHONE SERVICE

This past Sunday a mass phone message went out to the congregation letting everyone know about the change to the services. If you did not receive a phone call please contact the church office and let them know your phone number so that you can be added to the list. The email address is office@glenpoolchurchofchrist.com or you can call at 918-291-2211.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

There is a sign-up list posted on the bulletin board for those who would like help take communion to our shut-ins. Everyone will be divided up into groups of 5 or 6 and these groups will rotate each Sunday. If you have any questions please see Bobby Hill, Bruce Rothell, or James Hamilton.

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

Contribution

o Sunday Contribution \$2,599.92
o Budget \$4,371.00
Over Budget (\$1771.08)
Building Fund \$32,883.25

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Robert Hallsted
Opening Prayer Jeff Bullinger
Scripture Reading Hayden Bullinger
Closing Prayer Larry Potter
Lord's Table Dan Williamson
Zac Tennison
Matt Caldwell
Jerry Buller
James Hamilton
Ryan McCafferty

Greeter

Bill & Deb Path
Jack & Earline Lierly

Ushers

Scott Lack
Jeff Bullinger

Lock Building

Jim Yeager & Bobby Hill

Announcements

Bruce Rothell with James Hamilton as backup

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer Randy Crawford
Closing Prayer Steve Wetzel
Lord's Table Zac Tennison
Matt Caldwell

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader Robert Hallsted
Opening Prayer Darrell Burcham
Closing Prayer Steve Wetzel

Communion Preparation

3/8 Shirley Hood
3/15 Earline Lierly
3/22 Cathy Burcham
3/29 Shawna Caddell
4/5 Nola Buller
4/12 Stephanie Bullinger
4/19 Nancy Riggs
4/26 Shirley Hill
5/3 Rita Risley



Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
Channel 6

Search Programs:

March 1 - The Word of God
March 8 - Messianic Prophecies
March 15 - The Cross
March 22—The Resurrection

Sunday Morning Sermon

“Content” (2 of 4 part series)

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening

Area Wide Youth Rally