

DAY ONE

Exodus 20: 13 “You shall not murder.

Murder— **רָצַח** *râtsach*, *raw-tsakh*’; a prim. root; prop. to *dash* in pieces, i.e. *kill* (a human being), espec. to *murder*:—put to death, kill¹

Genesis 9

- 5 “Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from *every* man, from every man’s brother I will require the life of man.
- 6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man.

Exodus 21

12 “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

13 “But if he did not lie in wait *for him*, but God let *him* fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee.

14 “If, however, a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you are to take him *even* from My altar, that he may die.

Deuteronomy 19

- 1 “When the LORD your God cuts off the nations, whose land the LORD your God gives you, and you dispossess them and settle in their cities and in their houses,
- 2 you shall set aside three cities for yourself in the midst of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to possess.
- 3 “You shall prepare the roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the LORD your God will give you as a possession, so that any manslayer may flee there.
- 4 “Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee there and live: when he kills his friend unintentionally, not hating him previously—
- 5 as when *a man* goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron *head* slips off the handle and strikes his friend so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live;
- 6 otherwise the avenger of blood might pursue the manslayer in the heat of his anger, and overtake him, because the way is long, and take his life, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated him previously.
- 7 “Therefore, I command you, saying, ‘You shall set aside three cities for yourself.’
- 8 “If the LORD your God enlarges your territory, just as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He promised to give your fathers—
- 9 if you carefully observe all this commandment which I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in His ways always—then you shall add three more cities for yourself, besides these three.
- 10 “So innocent blood will not be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and bloodguiltiness be on you.

¹ Strong, J. (2009). *A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek Testament and The Hebrew Bible*. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

- 11 “But if there is a man who hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes him so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,
12 then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.
13 “You shall not pity him, but you shall purge the blood of the innocent from Israel, that it may go well with you.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Romans 5

- 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.
8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

DAY TWO

Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it *flow* the springs of life.

Proverbs 23:7a For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

Matthew 15

- 18 “But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.
19 “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.
20 “These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.”

2 Corinthians 10

- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
5 *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Job 31

- 1 “I have made a covenant with my eyes;
How then could I gaze at a virgin?

- 9 “If my heart has been enticed by a woman,
 Or I have lurked at my neighbor’s doorway,
 10 May my wife grind for another,
 And let others kneel down over her.
 11 “For that would be a lustful crime;
 Moreover, it would be an iniquity *punishable* by judges.

Malachi 2

- 13 “This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts *it with* favor from your hand.
 14 “Yet you say, ‘For what reason?’ Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.
 15 “But not one has done *so* who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did *that* one *do* while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.
 16 “For I hate divorce,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “and him who covers his garment with wrong,” says the LORD of hosts. “So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.”

Luke 16:18 “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

Matthew 19

- 7 They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY?”
 8 He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.
 9 “And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

1 Corinthians 7

- 10 But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband
 11 (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.
 12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.
 13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.
 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.
 15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called us to peace.
 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

DAY THREE

Leviticus 19: 12 ‘You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

Numbers 30:2 “If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Deuteronomy 23

21 “When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, and the LORD your God will surely require it of you.

22 “However, if you refrain from vowing, it would not be sin in you.

23 “You shall be careful to perform what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God, what you have promised.

Hebrews 6

13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

14 saying, “I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU.”

15 And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

16 For men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,

18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us

James 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

DAY FOUR

Exodus 21

23 “But if there is *any further* injury, then you shall appoint *as a penalty* life for life,

24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Leviticus 24

17 ‘If a man takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.

18 ‘The one who takes the life of an animal shall make it good, life for life.

19 ‘If a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him:

20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him.

21 ‘Thus the one who kills an animal shall make it good, but the one who kills a man shall be put to death.

22 ‘There shall be one standard for you; it shall be for the stranger as well as the native, for I am the LORD your God.’ ”

Deuteronomy 19

15 “A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

16 “If a malicious witness rises up against a man to accuse him of wrongdoing,

- 17 then both the men who have the dispute shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will be *in office* in those days.
- 18 “The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness *and* he has accused his brother falsely,
- 19 then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.
- 20 “The rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you.
- 21 “Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

DAY FIVE

Romans 12

- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
- 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord.
- 20 “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.”
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 13

- 8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law.
- 9 For this, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”
- 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of *the* law.

Luke 10

- 25 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”
- 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?”
- 27 And he answered, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”
- 28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE.”
- 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
- 30 Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.
- 31 “And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 “Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 33 “But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,
- 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

- 35 “On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’
- 36 “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ *hands*?”
- 37 And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”