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The Fifth Commandment

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...the copy in heaven. When John on the isle of Patmos was given a view of things in heaven, he saw a temple there. In the fourth and fifth chapters, he tells us about the seven lamps of fire that were burning before the throne. In the eighth chapter, he tells us about the golden altar of incense on which the prayers of God's people are offered.

He was looking, you see, into the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. Moses made this copy here on earth after the pattern of the one in heaven. But in the 11th chapter of Revelation, and the 19th verse, John saw some people looking into the Most Holy Place, the second room of the heavenly sanctuary. That's where the mercy seat is. That's where Jesus is tonight.

And in Revelation 11:19, we're told that as these people looked in through the open door of the Most Holy Place, their attention was directed to something within that ark. Within that sacred chest is enshrined God's holy law, the Ten Commandments, written with His own finger upon the tables of stone.

You know, this is the only part of the earthly sanctuary that God Himself made. All the rest was made by human beings—under God's direction, of course—but this, God said, I'm going to write myself. The stone on which the law is written is a fitting symbol of the eternal, imperishable character of this law.

You will remember that in the sermon on the mount Jesus said, in Matthew 5:17 and 18:

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law...I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" Matthew 5:17.

To do it, to obey it, to keep it. And then he added:

"...Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law..." Matthew 5:18.

You know the jot is the smallest letter of the Hebrews alphabet. The tittle is just a little piece of a letter, like the cross on our T. So Jesus is saying, not the smallest letter will pass from that law—not even a piece of a letter will be changed. So you see why He wrote it on the stone—to show its imperishable, eternal nature.

Now, as we see, this law is the center of the sanctuary service. We just heard this message in song about the mercy seat. What's that got to do with it? Oh, friends, I'm so glad that this law is covered in the ark by the mercy seat. If it weren't for that, you and I could find only wrath here. That's why the Bible says:

"...the law worketh wrath..." Romans 4:15.

"...the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23.

"...sin is the transgression of the law" 1 John 3:4.

And James 2:10 says that to break one point of this law is to be:

"...guilty of all" James 2:10.

After all, friends, if one of these commandments should be broken out of this law, you can see it would be a broken law, wouldn't it. And so, sin, which is the transgression of the law, breaks the law and that means death is the penalty.

But Jesus in the sanctuary service shows us the way to the mercy seat. That's a blood-stained way. It's opened out here in the court by the slaying of the sacrifice. Here the lamb dies so that man may live.

And when the priest takes that blood, which has been shed in the court, and sprinkles it in the sanctuary—he shows by that that Jesus takes our sins and covers them with His precious blood in the sanctuary above.

And so, it is written:

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" Psalm 32:1.

But the closing service of the sanctuary is the blotting out of sins in this Most Holy Place. In the Holy Place, the sins are brought in. In the Most Holy Place, they're blotted out. This is the closing work in which Jesus is now engaged, for He's coming soon. He wants to blot out all our sins.

But before He can do that, two things must take place. First, we need to send our sins in, and in order to do that, we need to study this law to see what sin is. Paul said:

"...I had not known sin, but by the law..." Romans 7:7.

We need not think that we're any wiser than Paul. If he needed this law to tell him what sin is, you and I need it. What do you say?

But oh, there is another thing that God wants to do for us besides having our sins brought in so He can cover them and then blot them out. He wants to write this holy law in our hearts so we'll not only know what His will is but love it and do it.

We illustrated here one evening what it means to have this law written in our hearts. The mother that has the Sixth Commandment:

“Thou shalt not kill” Exodus 20:13.

...written in her heart is a perfectly safe mother for her children, isn't she. She won't harm them. She won't murder them.

Occasionally, we hear of a mother murdering her children. Of course, she's either very much insane or very much possessed of the Devil, isn't she, when she does something like that. But mother love, which we love to talk about and sing about, is something that God implants or else it wouldn't be there.

In other words, He writes this law in human hearts, and I've thought of it this way, friends. I think He writes that particular law in a mother's heart to show you and me how every precept of the law *could* be written in our hearts if we'll just let Him do it.

Wouldn't it be nice to naturally do everything the law says, just like a mother naturally protects her young? Wouldn't it? And that's the new covenant promise:

“...I will put my law in their [mind], and write it in their hearts...” Jeremiah 31:33.

That's the new covenant promise we find in Jeremiah 31 and Hebrews 8 and Hebrews 10. Again and again, God repeats it. He calls it the *new* covenant—the *new* covenant.

You see, in the old covenant, the law was written just simply on the stone, but in the new covenant, God takes that same law and writes it in our hearts. So we've been studying in recent vesper services about the writing of this law in our minds and hearts.

Last Friday night, you remember we were studying about the First Commandment. We found out the reason it's the first is it's the first thing that needs to be settled—the question of authority:

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” Exodus 20:3.

Jesus is in the business of magnifying this law, and He's taught us to pray—you'll find it in the 119th Psalm, and the 18th verse:

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law” Psalm 119:18.

Many of us find that it helps our eyes to see things to wear these little pieces of glass in front of our eye. Wonder why we do it. Well, it either corrects some astigmatism or it magnifies. It makes up for our human deficiencies. Is that what the glasses do?

And I thank God that in the Old and New Testaments—in God’s holy word—we have a pair of lenses which, fitted to our eye, enable us to magnify the law of God—to see wonderful things out of His law. But remember, they’re all in the law.

And so, that First Commandment:

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” Exodus 20:3.

...is the prelude, the basis, to all the rest of the commandments—to make God first.

Now, this evening, I want to go to the second table of the law, and study another one of the commandments—put the magnifying glass of God’s word on it. We’re going to take the First Commandment on the second table. Which commandment is that? That’s the Fifth Commandment.

Now, you all know that commandment, I trust, so I want you to say it with me—all the boys and girls and fathers and mothers and everybody else. All together:

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”
Exodus 20:12.

I wonder why that commandment is first on the second table. For the same reason that the First Commandment is the first one on the first table. The first thing to get settled in the Ten Commandments is God’s authority, and the First Commandment settles it:

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” Exodus 20:3.

If we accept that, then we can go on and listen to all the rest. But Jesus showed that the first table has to do with our duty to God and the second table has to do with our duty to whom? To man—to one another. And the first thing to be settled in dealing with one another is where the authority is.

And the basis of all authority in this world is not the state, it’s the home. And when I say that, I do not in any way criticize the state—I’m glad we have state government—but the basic authority of all authority is the authority of the parent. That’s the way the Word of God presents things, dear friends.

And before we ever had civil government, we had home government. And when we get to our Eden home, when paradise blooms on earth again, we’ll not need policemen, we’ll not need jails, we’ll not need traffic cops, but thank God, friends, we’ll have homes—Eden homes—forever and forever.

And oh, I trust that we shall appreciate the beauty of that plan of government, for it is written that we should pray:

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” Matthew 6:10.

Now, in the Lord's prayer, Jesus teaches us to call God what? Our Father—our Father. In this, He does two things. He honors parenthood, and He helps us to understand His loving heart—God's loving heart. He is a tender Father.

But, friend, in it He also shows us what fathers should be like—they should be like God. Do you agree with me? Ah, those of us who *are* fathers, I'm sure, feel disappointed so many times that we come so far short of that glorious ideal, but the Gospel is the good news that if we come to the sanctuary with our sins they can be covered by the blood and soon blotted out. In other words, God is in the business of changing human fathers to make them like the heavenly Father.

You fathers, don't you want a part in that? Wouldn't you like to be a father to your children like God is?

Oh, all this is wrapped up in this Fifth Commandment, you see. Say it again with me, will you:

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”
Exodus 20:12.

This, of course, involves obedience on the part of the children, doesn't it, and so in the New Testament, again and again, the scripture echoes this commandment, saying:

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord...” Ephesians 6:1.

And Paul quotes this commandment in Ephesians, the sixth chapter, and in his letter to the Colossians, calling attention to the fact that this is:

“...the First Commandment with promise” Ephesians 6:2.

God saw fit to attach a special promise to this commandment, and all the sons and daughters who honor their father and mother have this promise as their own.

Now, there are two kinds of obedience in the world. One is the obedience where one just *has* to obey, but there's another kind, and that's the obedience of love. Which one of these types of obedience do you think God expects in the Ten Commandments? Oh, it's the obedience of love.

I'm so glad that it is written in John 14:15:

“If ye love me...” John 14:15.

Do what?

“...keep my commandments” John 14:15.

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” John 14:15.

And as God desires the obedience of love to all His commandments, the Christian parent desires the obedience of love to his commandments. But this is not some weak, sentimental affection that puts up with transgression and does nothing about it. The same God who has revealed Himself as a God of mercy has also shown us He's a God of justice.

There at Sinai, while He gave them this wonderful plan, in order to show them how Jesus would give His life for sinners, He also from Sinai's mount proclaimed his law amid thunders and lightnings, and when the idolaters made that golden calf Moses was sent down to execute judgment and thousands of them were slain.

"...sin is the transgression of the law" 1 John 3:4.

And:

"...the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23.

And so, in magnifying this Fifth Commandment, the Bible lays upon parents the responsibility of disciplining children. Proverbs is a good book to study on this. Every father and mother should study Proverbs. You'll not find the oft-quoted statement, Spare the rod and spoil the child. That isn't in the Bible. Many people think it is, but if you find it, let me know.

But you *will* find, over and over again, earnest admonition to parents to discipline the child. Texts like these:

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" Proverbs 19:18.

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" Proverbs 29:15.

Now, friends, why—I want to study this with you for a moment—why would God have a parent actually cause pain to a little child that's been disobedient? I'll tell you why, friends. God knows and the educated parent ought to know that the child that keeps on the way of disobedience is going to land at last in judgment day. He grows up, he becomes a criminal, he lands at last at judgment day, and:

"...the wages of sin is..." Romans 6:23.

What?

"...death" Romans 6:23.

And death is in hell. That's what the Bible says. Isn't it? Yes. Jesus warned the people of His day about that coming lake of fire. Read about it in Revelation 20. It's real, friends. Will there be pain there? Oh, such pain as men have never felt in this world.

But listen. The little child doesn't know a thing about that, and if you'd read to the little child that's disobedient about that lake of fire, it wouldn't mean a thing to him any more than the music—not a thing.

But there's something that can be very meaningful to him. That's right. And God wants him—oh, I hope you'll get this as a message of love from God, for that's what it is—God wants that little child to feel pain *where* he can feel it, *how* he can feel it, right now, in connection with disobedience, to save him from that awful pain that awaits the finally impenitent. Do you see, friends?

And if a parent sees that, they'll never punish a child in anger and they'll never punish a child to get even with the child. They'll punish the child in love, many times with the tears running down the face.

But oh, punish the child what for? To save that darling little boy, that darling little girl, from growing up to be a criminal who will have to meet God in judgment over His broken law. Do you see, friends?

That's the purpose of discipline. That's it. And that's why there has to be some pain connected with it—so that the nerves of that child can begin to associate disobedience and unhappiness.

But oh, there's a nicer side to that. You know, when the little one is obedient, they ought to see a smile on the face of father and mother—the love and the peace and the good atmosphere of contentment in the home when everyone is working together obeying the law. That should be a little heaven on earth. And that's all part of the Fifth Commandment.

Oh, I thank God for the magnifying glasses on His law. What do you say? There's another thing I want you to think about. You know, one of the last things Moses did—and you can read about it there in Deuteronomy 32 and 33—before he died, he called the children of Israel all together. He reviewed with them what God had given them on that Mt. Sinai and all through their wanderings.

And as he rehearsed the story—turn over there to Deuteronomy 33—I want you to see something there—Deuteronomy 33, verses 2 and 3—I want you to see two things that Moses put together there by inspiration—two things that belong together.

Now, I hope every parent here will see that these two things belong together. It'll make it easier for your children to keep this Fifth Commandment. And I hope all you boys and girls will see that these two things belong together. It'll make it easier for you to obey the Fifth Commandment.

Moses said, in the second verse:

“The Lord came from Sinai...” Deuteronomy 33:2.

And so forth. Last line in that verse:

“...from his right hand went...” Deuteronomy 33:2.

What?

“...a fiery law for them” Deuteronomy 33:2.

Now, what’s the next line?

“Yea, he loved the people...” Deuteronomy 33:3.

A fiery law and love all together? All together, my friends—all together. This fiery law is the law of love. That’s what I want you to see. And that’s why Jesus said:

“...this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments:
and His commandments are not grievous” 1 John 5:3.

That’s why He said:

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” John 14:15.

Love prompted the giving of the law, and love causes obedience *to* the law. God never said one thing in this law without love being what caused Him to do it.

Now, parents—you fathers and mothers—here’s a high standard for you to aim for. Should you and I, as parents, ever tell our children to do anything unless it’s love for them that’s causing us to tell them that? That’s the standard. Never give a command unless it’s love that’s causing you to do it.

One good thing that’ll do—that’ll cut down on the number of times we give commands because we’ll have to use sometimes stopping and thinking whether it’s love or not. Is that right? That’s right.

Oh, don’t be like that mother that told her older child, Johnny, run and see what Jimmy’s doing and tell him to stop. No, don’t do that. Let love be the thing that’s prompting the command. Let love be what studying the child, studying the situation, and thinking, What can I do to help that child? See? That takes time, it takes thought, it takes prayer, but that’s what God requires human fathers and mothers to do in representing the great Father above.

Well, now, I want you to go a little further into this commandment. Turn over to Exodus 20—that’s the second book of the Bible, isn’t it—Exodus 20—12th verse. What’s that first word? Honor. What does that mean, anyway? We’ve been studying the matter of obedience, but is honor even more than obedience? Oh, yes.

If I’m to honor my father and mother, I’m not only to do what they tell me, I’m to try to live my life in such a way as to *bring* honor to them—a good reputation—so that, as a boy, I walk along the street, the neighbors say, That father and mother—they’ve done a good job. Is that right? And all you children—you have that privilege—to bring honor to your father and mother.

Now, I want to show you something very interesting in the Bible. One's in the Old Testament and one's in the New Testament. We're going to look at the New Testament first—2 Timothy, the third chapter.

I want you to see a sign of the last days that children make, and then I'm going to go to the Old Testament and show you another sign of the last days that children make. And oh, the difference in the two signs is as far apart as hell and heaven—2 Timothy, the third chapter, and the first verse, beginning.

Now, notice some children here that are signs of the last days. See if you ever saw any of these signs:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" 2 Timothy 3:1.

What's another word for perilous? Dangerous. Now, he tells us why:

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" 2 Timothy 3:2.

Now, there are some more signs there, but just now we're noticing the children that are signs. One of the signs of the last days is that children are what? Disobedient to parents. Listen. Do you think we're in the last days, according to this?

Not long ago, I heard the governor of one of the largest states in this union tell an audience of over 10,000 people that in his state the greatest crimes were being committed—the greatest *number* of crimes—by children 16 years old and under. That was the biggest part of the crime problem—16 years old and under.

That wasn't so a hundred years ago, friends, was it? Wasn't so 50 years ago. We're living in this time, and children who are disobedient to parents are signs of the fact that this world is about to go over the precipice of eternal ruin. They're helping to make it so.

But back of their disobedience are the parents that allow them to be that way and train them up to be that way by their own disobedience to the laws of God and the state. So we're in a lawbreaking, lawless world, where violence fills the land. It's all a sign of the coming of Jesus. He's about to come.

But now, let's look at the brighter side. Turn to Isaiah, the 8th chapter. Oh, this is wonderful, friend. Here are some more signs—Isaiah, the 8th chapter, verses 16, 17 and 18, and if we had time this evening to go back to the 9th and 10th and 11th and 12th verses, we'd see that it's a time of great confederacies of nations and peoples—a time when the nations of this world are confederating. The fulfillment of that is in the United Nations.

But now, coming down here to the 16th verse—God's message to His people in this time:

“Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples”
Isaiah 8:16.

You notice it's a time to bring the attention of the people to the law of God.

“And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the
house of Jacob, and I will look for him” Isaiah 8:17

It's a time when God's people are doing what? Looking for the Lord to come.
Now, watch:

“Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are
for signs and for wonders in Israel...” Isaiah 8:18.

Oh, isn't this a wonderful sign. God will have some people who have some children who are as singular for their obedience as the people of this world are for their *dis*obedience.

You know, really, we're coming rapidly to the place where God's people will be all obedient, and the people of this world that reject God's law—they'll have their houses full of disobedient children.

Now, you can take your choice. Soon there'll be no middle ground. The people of this world that defy God's law—their children are signs of the approaching doom of this world—but God wants the saints—and I hope every one of you will be a saint—that means to be one of God's people—God wants you and your children to be what? Signs and wonders.

And believe me, friends, a home where children are obedient today is a wonder and a sign. What do you say? Can you have a home like that? Sure, you can, friends, if you pay the price—if you come to the sanctuary and listen to the law of God instead of most of what's coming over the radio and TV.

Do you know what a man told me the other day that's made a study of this thing? There are so many murders on TV programs that the average 16-year-old youngster in America today has already witnessed 20,000 murders. Yes—20,000 murders.

Mr. Neeley, when you and I were boys, 16 year olds hadn't seen 20,000 murders, had they? They hadn't even seen 20, had they? No, sir. And the Bible says that by beholding, we become what? Changed. Do you see what I mean, friends?

If you want children that are disobedient, follow the ways of this world and you'll have a crop. Sow the seed and you get the harvest. But oh, if you want children that are signs and wonders because they're obedient, you must sow that kind of crop:

God says:

“...these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

That’s the message in Deuteronomy 6:4 to 6. Write it down, read it, study it, follow it, friends, for we’re living in the time when God is going to have a whole group of people, and listen, some of them are going to be children.

Aren't there going to be some children when Jesus comes? Aren't there going to be some young people when Jesus comes? Well, what about this idea, then, that children and young people—they just *have* to be disobedient, and they *have* to have their fling, and they *have* to sow their wild oats, and they *have* to have a wild time, and then when they get older they settle down. What about the last generation, friends?

Do you see that *some* time, if Jesus is ever going to come to this world and find His people ready, there’ll have to be some children and young people that are ready *while* they’re children and young people. Do you see that? Wouldn't *you* like to be in that group? You can be. You’re called. And they’ll be the signs and wonders that Isaiah is talking about.

Won't it be a wonderful thing to see children that are ready for heaven while they’re children—teenagers that instead of rioting and stealing and throwing beer bottles are happy—really happy—in keeping the law of God.

Young people, *you* can be the Daniels and the Josephs, the Marys and the Esthers, of this generation. You won't have a lot of company, but you’ll have enough.

“Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel...” Isaiah 8:18.

Let’s go that road. What do you say? How many of you will vote with me on that? Will you, friends? Thank God. All right.

Now, let’s look again at that Fifth Commandment. Will you say it with me once more. All together:

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”
Exodus 20:12.

Now, this is for everybody—the parents, the children, the young people, of all ages. This commandment is for you. Listen:

“Honour Thy father and Thy mother...” Exodus 20:12.

Who’s your Father? Who *is* your Father? Is God your Father? Oh, yes, yes. For it is written, in Isaiah 9:6 and 7:

“...unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6.

Oh, yes, He’s our Father:

“Honour Thy father...” Exodus 20:12.

Let’s honor our Father in heaven. What do you say, friends? Now, what about the rest of that commandment:

“Honour thy father and thy mother...” Exodus 20:12.

Turn over to the last book in the Bible, and I want to show you something interesting—Revelation, the 12th chapter—Revelation 12. I want to take a look at this mother—see if you’re acquainted with her. God is. He’s coming soon to get mother and the children. This whole 12th chapter of Revelation tells about the mother. She’s pictured in the first verse:

“...a great wonder in heaven...” Revelation 12:1.

The margin says, A sign. Just like Isaiah says:

“Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for...” Isaiah 8:18.

What?

“...for signs and for wonders ...” Isaiah 8:18.

All right.

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars” Revelation 12:1.

Now, I go from the first verse to the last verse—the 17th verse. Some other time, I want to study those other verses with you but tonight the 17th verse:

“And the dragon...” Revelation 12:17.

That’s the Devil, the ninth verse says.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman...”
Revelation 12:17.

This woman.

“...and went to make war with the remnant of her seed...”
Revelation 12:17.

What does seed mean? Children—that’s the word that’s used in the Bible for children. The Devil was angry with this woman:

“...and went to make war with the remnant of her seed...”
Revelation 12:17.

Her children. Then, there are some children in this world that have a mother that the Devil is angry with, yes. I wonder what kind of children they are. Are they the kind in 2 Timothy 3 or the kind in Isaiah 8? Isaiah 8. You see, the next part of the verse tells us what kind of children they are.

“...which...”

Do what?

“...keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony
of Jesus Christ” Revelation 12:17.

Who is this woman that has children that keep God’s commandments and have the testimony of Jesus? Who is this woman, anyway? The church, that’s right. All the way through the Bible, God uses the figure of a good woman to represent His church.

Now, a bad woman, in Revelation 17, is a fallen, disobedient, lawbreaking church. We’ll study that some other night, but tonight, we’ll look at this woman, because we’re studying this Fifth Commandment, mind you. Will you say it with me once more:

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be
long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”
Exodus 20:12.

Tell me, friends. Do you think we ought to honor *this* mother here in Revelation 12? Do you think so? Oh, yes. Certainly, we want to honor our mothers in the flesh. Every year, you know, there’s a Mother’s Day. I wonder what the mothers do the other 364 days. I think a good boy and a good girl make every day mother’s day. What do you say?

And so, in the church of Christ, my dear friends, as we honor God our everlasting Father, let us honor the church, our mother. What do you say? And remember, as we honor God by obeying Him, we honor our mother by showing reverence and respect to the church which God has established.

Another evening, I want to study this verse with you more fully because, you know, there are a great many churches in the world today. There are hundreds of them. And the very effort to get them all together today is making new ones all the time. You know that, don't you. Just about every time there's a merger, there's a split, so there's new churches forming all the time.

I wonder how we'd know which one is our mother. Well, you might get some clue from studying this Revelation 12:17 because the mother that this chapter is talking about is as different from the mother of Revelation 17 as daylight and dark.

You look at that woman in Revelation 17 and she's a mother, but she's the mother of harlots—Revelation 17:5. I don't want to belong to that family, do you, friends, and if I do, God says:

“...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins...” Revelation 18:4.

She's a lawbreaker, you see—that woman in Revelation 17. She's not the one to honor because she's full of dishonor. But oh, this woman in Revelation 12—she's wonderful—she's wonderful. She and her children do what? They:

“...keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” Revelation 14:12.

Both of those I want to study with you another evening. But now, back to our Fifth Commandment—do you love this commandment? Are you glad we studied it tonight? Would you like to study another commandment another night? Next Friday night, we're going to look at another commandment and put the magnifying glass on it. Oh, that God may open our eyes that we may see wonderful things out of His law.

And remember, the whole purpose of this is to get this law written in our minds and hearts so we know what God expects, and let the precious blood of Jesus cover our sins where we've broken the law; bring our sins, our transgressions of this law to God, ask Him to forgive us. Will he do it?

If a boy or girl has disobeyed their father and mother, will God forgive them, if they ask Him? Oh, I know. I had to do it a good many times, and oh, I'm so glad I had a father and mother that taught me this law—that taught me to memorize it. They had to rub it in in certain areas, too, yeah. It's all part of the educational process.

But friends, I thank God for a father and mother that loved me enough to discipline me and try to teach me this law. Any of you have a father and mother like that? Are you thankful? Yes. And any of you that didn't, there's good news for you. If you're willing, you can get that kind of help, if you'll seek for it—if you'll hunt for it.

God has a church in this world that's in the business of trying to help boys and girls and young people and older ones learn the joy of obedience. Sometimes it takes a bit of pain to do it but it's worth it.

Now, I want to know something. Is there somebody here tonight that got a blessing from this study and you want to thank God for it. Just stand up where you are and thank God.

We thank Thee with all our hearts that Thou hast met with us, and as we leave this little chapel tonight may the love of Jesus fill every heart. We leave with Thee our sins and failures, covered by the precious blood of the Lamb. Keep writing this holy law in our hearts so that we'll love what God loves and hate what God hates, and bring us back to learn more of this heavenly way for Jesus' sake, amen.

God bless you all. Be glad to meet any of you here at the front, that have a question.

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