

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 8, 1973.
LESSON TEXT:
Exodus 20:13;
Matthew 5:21-26; 12:9-13;
James 4:1-2b;
John 3:11-18.

Just how valuable is human life? One wonders, sometimes, when one reads the paper and is made aware of murders, war, and other acts of violence against the human race!

How far we have gotten from the precepts of Christ! How far have we travelled from God's intention that man was His most glorious work!

The first recorded sin, after the fall of man, was the murder of his brother, Abel, by Cain! Goaded by anger and jealousy, brother turned upon brother, and mankind has been paying for it ever since.

This lesson, therefore, is intended to orient the Christian to God's estimate of the value of human life, and to discipline themselves against feelings that must, inevitably, lead to violence—whether verbal or physical.

God loved mankind. His only Son loved mankind. His whole life was dedicated to that end. How, then, can we mere mortals—justify the taking of another's life? We did not give life, it is therefore not ours to take.

God's Word irrevocably states that murder is wrong; Christ's life was dedicated to amplifying on that theme. He continually advocated spiritual implications of God's laws—rather than the literal, applied by men of lesser wisdom.

Hate and envy in a man's soul could lead to physical violence against the person of another; it could also lead to calumny against that person's character. Thus, in Christ's eyes, was tantamount to physical destruction. For Christ looked beyond the letter of the law in all His dealings with mankind, for thus He was severely criticized, and often punished. Yet He never abdicated His position as the Son of God and the Saviour of men.

His displayed humility of spirit only served to enhance the majesty of His Being!

If we wish to be true followers of Christ Jesus we are constrained to follow His doctrines; we are under obligation to subjugate our very human and personal feelings to His lofty example.

If we would seek the blessing and forgiveness of God, as personified in the sacrifice of His only and beloved Son on the cross, we must so discipline ourselves in our spirits that we enter His house in harmony with all men—even with our enemies. This is a prerequisite of the hearing of our petitions to the Almighty.

Christ's early disciples were acutely aware of this spiritual flaw in those who made up their congregations. James had much to say in this regard. John wrote many of his epistles against a background of discord and disharmony in the churches he had founded. Their counselings contain much wisdom for present-day church congregations. For the church is, truly, only as strong as its weakest link—only as strong as its spiritually weakest member!

Let us, therefore, pray for the spiritual strength to apply not only the "letter of the law" but the spiritual interpretation of God's laws to our fellowmen. May God grant us the Divine wisdom exemplified by His Son!

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HOME COMING DECORATION

There will be a decoration at the Wilson and Bailey and Roberts Cemetery on Sunday, July 8 at 10:00 o'clock followed by service and homecoming at 11 o'clock at the Casey Park Baptist Church. Lunch will be served at noon.

The Blue Ridge Valley Singing Convention with Frank Reed in charge, will begin at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. Jack Davis, pastor, invites all singers and listeners to attend.

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\$1.59
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T BONE STEAK \$1.69 lb.
US CHOICE...
ROUND STEAK \$1.49 lb.

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HOT DOG OR HAMBURGER
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FRYERS 59¢ lb.
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CUBE STEAK \$1.59 lb.
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ARMOUR... 12oz
TRETT 69¢
BREAD-O-CHICKEN
TUNA 39¢
LONDON DRY 1/2 GAL
DRINKS 49¢
HEINZ 4 1/2 oz. STRAINED
BABY FOOD 9¢

GOLDEN BANANAS
12¢
lb.

WHITE
GRAPES 49¢ lb.
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PLUMS 39¢ lb.
CALIF.
CHERRIES 59¢ lb.
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WELLESLEY FARMS 1/2 GAL
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MINUTE MAID 6oz.
ORANGE JUICE 4 \$1.00
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JFG
COFFEE 69¢
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