

lightly or falsely or blasphemously. *Remember the sabbath day.* "Sabbath" has the idea of rest. *Nor the stranger*; an alien who has settled among the Israelites. Israel's law protected the stranger in different ways. *For in six days.* There is a deep reason for the Sabbath in God's nature and in man's.

II. OUR DUTIES TO MAN.—12-17. *Honor thy father.* The Bible emphasizes the debt of children to parents. *Thy days long.* A promise is attached to this command. *Shall not kill*; kill in violent fashion. The law prescribed death for some crimes. *Not commit adultery.* Marriage like home and life is guarded by God. *Thou shalt not steal.* Property is guarded. *Not bear false witness*; neither privately by slander nor legally by perjury. Character is guarded. *Thou shalt not covet.* Conditions of mind as well as acts are taken into account. Acts are the expression of our state of mind. If most of the commandments are in negative form, remember

that a father and a mother's "Thou shalt not" expresses their love as much as their "Thou shalt."

Lesson Questions

Into what two classes are the Commandments divided?

Name these of the first class.

Name the second class.

Of what is God jealous?

For Further Study and Discussion

1. What does Christ teach about the Sabbath? (Mark 2 : 23-28.)
2. What is Christ's teaching regarding covetousness? (Luke 12 : 15-21.)
3. Should capital punishment be abolished?
4. Should a Christian use his auto on Sabbath?

PROVE FROM SCRIPTURE—That God's commands are pure.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Ques. 47.

THE LESSON IN DAILY LIFE (Daily Readings)

Monday—Our duty to God, Ex. 20 : 1-11.

Religion breaks down the little walls of our world. Selfishness makes life all intake, all inlook, no outflow, no outlook. Life becomes a cistern, gathering all to itself and losing all the freshness of that which it gathers so that even that which comes down from heaven tastes of the earth.

Tuesday—Our duty to man, Ex. 20 : 12-21.

Religion establishes two great lines of communication for life—Godward and manward. The fountain flows from the heights and down to the level. Religion gives us height and level—God and man. Religion without God is an oilless lamp. Religion without man is a wickless lamp.

Wednesday—Tables of stone, Ex. 34 : 1-8.

No man can serve more than one master. No man can serve less than one. Life must have some graven commandments. Religion teaches us to serve the highest. The soul without religion has not found freedom. He has only changed masters. He has still his table of graven commands.

Thursday—Teach me thy way, Ps. 119 : 33-40.

The psalmist does not think of God's law as a barring wall, a burdening weight. It is an inviting way along which he longs to go. It makes life a splendid adventure. It is only the lawless who know how dull, dead, drear life may be.

Friday—How love I thy law ! Ps. 119 : 97-104.

Remember obedience is not necessarily dull. The psalmist made it enthusiastic. God loves a cheerful giver, not giving because he is cheerful, but cheerful because he is giving. God loves a cheerful servant, not obeying because he is cheerful but cheerful because he is obeying.

Saturday—The law fulfilled, Rom. 13 : 8-14.

The law was given by love. Only love can obey it. Duty seeks to obey but love fulfils the law, that is, fills it full. And that is so because love sees the real spirit and scope of the law's demands. Love alone sees that the second mile is as imperative as the first.

Sunday—The sum of the Commandments, Mark 12 : 28-34.

Banish the thought that religion is a little thing. It kindles love in our heart and love is the greatest thing in the world. It makes the largest demands in the world—the strength of all we are. It turns us to the mightiest personality—God. It sends us to the widest sphere—the world.

A PRAYER

Our Father, we thank thee that thou art our God and that thou hast asked us to love thee. Teach us to love with all our might, and to show that our love to thee is real by the way we show love to those about us, in the home and outside of the home. In the name of thy Son we pray. Amen