

Theology Simply Explained — WSC67

“Valuing God's Image in Men's Lives Is the Head of the Second Table of the Law”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 67—especially explaining and applying how the **Satanic despising of God and Satanic murderousness are connected throughout Scripture, as are Christ's love of God and His valuing of men's lives.**

WSC67: Which is the sixth commandment? *The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.*

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Catechism question this week is, Number 67, which is the sixth commandment. The sixth commandment is, thou shalt not kill. And give your word that is used. There is word for murder.

Probably better translated, that's about murder. I think it's implied. That it's about shot, not kill unjustly.

When we were, On the question, which is the fifth commandment we noted that With the lord. Making. His authority to be. Exercised through. Many lesser authorities. The fifth command is really a transition commandment. Between the first great commandment. And the second great commandment loved the lord your god with all your heart.

So modern strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. Of course, the two great commandments are not really. So, very far apart is the reason for loving your neighbor. Is because your neighbor is made in the image of god. So six, commandment your neighbor has made in the image of god.

You don't attack or despise or hate. Uh, your neighbor because he's made in the image of god, you'd be attacking despising hating. The image of god. Seventh commandment. Uh, finding pleasure in The self instead of pleasure in the lord. And particularly in a way that profanes, Uh, your neighbor.

He shall not commit adultery the refainting, especially a Of marriage, which God has Uh, given to us so that we might rightly Be fruitful and multiplying. Fill the earth and keep his commitments. Eighth commandment recognizing that not only his marriage. Been given us so that we can image god well.

Uh, but property has been given us. With which to enjoy. Um, Expandage card, and that each one's property is assigned to them. By god and that the right ways of obtaining. Property has been assigned by god. Ninth commandment. Recognition of the right? Use of the lips. For the speaking of truth.

Truth that owners god. Truth that edifies neighbor. And, And therefore, we must not misuse our lips especially in speaking falsehood. Um, Especially in the situations. Uh, where we are positively commanded to tellatory. And therefore, we are in that case, bearing witness. And, Uh, yet applying to all misuse of the mouth, Which again.

The mouth existing. For the glory of god and against of our neighbor. And then, 10th commandment. The dealing of the heart before God. Concerning his providence to us and his providence. Uh, to our neighbor. And so we begin in the fifth commandment. And that transition to thinking, of, How?

Rightly knowing god. Rightly glorifying, god rightly enjoying god. Affects our interactions with others. And now we come into that idea in its fullness in the sixth commandment and well think about this, obviously, a lot more when we talk about what the sixth commandment requires and what the six, commandment forbids.

But it's important to see that this is The first one, a valuing of The life of our neighbor as a life that is made. In the image of god. In the scripture, this was The first of the commandments to Uh, receive a display of The violent breaking of it after the fall.

You remember the there was the incident of fall men? Um, Falls into sin and misery the first display of grace. Or response to the gospel. Was adam renaming. His wife Eve because she was mother of all the living. And then the first two boys, she gives birth to The first one kills.

The second one. And so we see that. One of the great ways to distinguish. The seed of the serpent from the seed of the woman is not By biological dissent, it is by whether or not the image of god and the valuing of human life. Is reproduced in someone.

Grace, conforming someone to christ. He will value human life. The lord has so valued. Men that he humbled himself and added to himself humanity. Uh, to Take the form of a bondslavement be found in appearance. Bond servant, living bond slave. Uh, we found an appearance as a man. Die.

And even the death of across. So there's Uh, there's the mind of christ. There's a valuing. Um, bike christ. Of human life. Um, Once. So, that is something that we're going to see reproduced and those who are seed of the woman plural because that is Uh, the character of the seed, capital s singular, who crushes, a certain ted.

But there are also seed of the serpent who descend Biologically. Uh, from the woman. And these. Uh, seed to the serpent. Can be recognized by. Their despising, hatred of violence against human life. As in cane. Now, this is going to be something that this is something that is going to make.

You want to pay very careful attention. When we study, Uh, what the sixth commandment requires, and what the six, commandment forbids. Because whatever extent we are keeping The sixth commandment from the heart. Uh, the lord is producing in us the mining character price. To whatever extent. We are breaking this x commandment.

Uh, we are seeing Remaining fleshliness. And if we are characterized by hating and being hated, it may be an indication Uh, to us. That we are not converted at all. Titus 3 gives the sixth commandment this place. It talks about. Um, When? Before grace, before faith, before being justified, Before being adopted.

Uh, we were in the condition of hating. And being hated. Acting like thinking, like, Um, expressing the nature of the seed of the serpent. When the lord gives humanity a reset. It is in particular. In genesis 6. The violence that fills the earth instead of The image bearer is filling the earth that Provokes the flood.

And then, when Uh noah and his children come off the ark. They're still sinful. The hearts. The thoughts of men's hearts are evil from their youth. God says, when all that is there is no his family. At the end of Genesis 8, and he goes He proceeds in the beginning of genesis 9.

Uh, to especially treat this Commandment and the breaking of it. The. The issue of murder. Requiring. Uh, capital punishment at the hands of men for those who commit murder and reminding us. That is not only men. Who will? Uh, who are required by god to punish. Uh, murder with execution.

Adjust execution, but that got himself is going to require The blood of man, both from men or from beast, who should Um, your shed man's blood. So this, this particular question, Dealing with the place of the sixth commandment. Uh, moves us to think about these things. The great significance of place.

The valuing of life. And, Prospering promoting of life and The prohibition of murder. Has in the whole bible. And in the distinction between, Those in the first atom and those who have been brought By faith into the last atom. And as A. An ongoing way of measuring. The the progress of the work of grace in our hearts, How we are valuing, others.

The putting away of hatred and bitterness and malice. Um, As the apostle says, in a few places where he's giving us these lists, Uh, to compare. The. The remaining sin from the grace, that is in the heart and the fruit. Of the spirit. And so, Um, love and forgiveness.

And gentleness patience. Putting away, bitterness, all of these, all of these put off and put on Works of the flesh versus fruits of the spirit. That have to do especially with this commandment. So which is the six commandment The sixth commandment is. Thou shalt not kill.