

GREETINGS SAINTS!

Date:

Chapter: Matthew 5

Scripture: Revelation 19:10

Memory Verse: Isaiah 8:20

Youth Class: The Testimonies of Jesus

We can see from the memory verse that the Lord wants his people to keep the commandments *and* the testimonies. Let us then look and see if we can see the difference between the two. First, however, we ask that you look up, define and use the following words as tools to assist you in the understanding of this lesson. The words are:

1. ARROGANT	7. COVET	13. MEEK	19. POOR
2. ATTITUDE	8. HUMBLE	14. MERCY	20. PURE
3. BEGRUDGE	9. HUNGER / THIRST	15. MOURN	21. REJECT
4. BEHAVIOR	10. IDOLATRY	16. NOURISHMENT	22. REVILE
5. BOASTFUL	11. JEALOUSY	17. PEACEMAKER	23. SHUN
6. CONTENT	12. JUDGMENTAL	18. PERSECUTE	24. TESTAMENT

PART I: COMMANDMENTS IN REVIEW

Now let's get started. First, we see that the commandments that God gave us were referred to as laws for the people to follow and be governed by. These laws were to tell God's people what they **MUST** and **MUST NOT** do. So, we see that we:

1. **MUST NOT...**have any other gods before God: people or things.
2. **MUST NOT...**make any graven images, such as pictures or statues of what we think God, or anything that God has made looks like to worship and/or pray to.
3. **MUST NOT...**take God's name in vain by just saying his name for no reason or just for fun, joking or like some people do by swearing or cursing with it when they are angry or mad. [Note: **By all means one must call on him when you are in need of help or to give forth praises!**]
4. **MUST REMEMBER TO...**keep the Sabbath Day holy to give worship, honor and praises to God.
5. **MUST REMEMBER TO...**honor or obey your father and mother; be respectful and do all things (in righteousness) that they may ask of you.
6. **MUST NOT...**kill anyone.
7. **MUST NOT...**have more than one husband or one wife.
8. **MUST NOT...**take anything that does not belong to you.
9. **MUST NOT...**tell a lie.
10. **MUST NOT...**covet things that your neighbors, family or friends may have (such as, houses, cars, toys, etc.) and then try to find ways to take theirs. [Note: **It's okay to want one like theirs and ask family members for one, or do chores or work to get your own.**]

As we continue, we want to state that the testimonies are sometimes called the “**BEATTITUDES**”. The testimonies or beatitudes show us how to behave, or how you are to be towards a person or thing. In fact, they were so important that our father, Jesus Christ, came down to earth to give them to us. He *personally* did so to make sure that we understood them by showing us how to walk within them.

PART II: QUESTIONS FOR UNDERSTANDING

Note to parents: Below are a few examples given to help understand the testimonies. Please ask your child to provide other examples that might apply to a particular testimony that they may be confronted with, and may be used within their day-to-day lives. Also, it is not necessary to complete this lesson in one sitting, but rather space it out (if necessary) to give each child time to absorb the information. A spelling-test of the words listed would be good, as well as a “word-search” puzzle on page 5. Last, the children might select from some of the questions two, possible good answers.

1. How were the commandments written, and who did God give them to?
Exodus 34:1 and 4.
2. How were the testimonies given and taught to us? Matthew 5:1-2
3. What is the first testimony given to us? Matthew 5:3

Example: You came in contact with a person that needed a coat. You had two or three coats so you:

- a) Gave them one because you had one you didn't want anyway
- b) Your parents said you had to
- c) You felt sorry for them and wanted to help

[Note: You must be aware of a person's need and be willing, or really want to share everything that you are able to. Remember, you could be in that person's shoes or in their position.]

4. What was the second testimony taught to us? Matthew 5:4

Example: Some people we know (family members and very close friends) decide to do things that are against God's commandments and testimonies so you might have to:

- a) Laugh at them and just don't say anything
- b) Reject what they're doing and refuse to take part
- c) Join in with them so attention won't be drawn to you and they begin to laugh and talk about you

5. The next testimony revealed or told to us was? Matthew 5:5

Example: You are with a group that is loud, boastful and saying foolish things. They are also saying mean and hurtful things; even getting a little “pushy” or being a bully. If this happens you should:

- a) Keep your pride by saying mean things about them or pushing them back
- b) Let them know that you can be arrogant too by telling them about all of the things that you have
- c) Be humble and stay true to God's word and shun the situation

[Note: This spirit or testimony does not mean that you are to be stupid or foolish by allowing someone to just say anything to you or beat you down; but try to avoid a confrontation if it is at all possible.]

6. The Lord continued with what testimony? Matthew 5:6

Example: Our first knowledge of God usually comes from our earthly parents. They teach us about him and what we must do to please him and must not do to displease him. So we must learn to:

- a) Give our spiritual body spiritual food just like we give our earthly body food when we get hungry or thirsty
- b) Remember to do daily study *every day* so you can avoid punishment from your parents
- c) Have fun in praising God by singing praises and find joy in learning everything you can about God and the heavenly family

[Note: When you are hungry or thirsty, your stomach might make a growling sound to let you know that it is time to feed yourself or satisfy your thirst; and in doing so, this gives your body nourishment to help you grow strong and keep you from getting weak or sick. So too does the saint have to feed their spiritual body to help keep them strong in the Lord and to help fight the attack of the evil forces that try to turn you away from God.]

7. Our next testimony given is? Matthew 5:7

Example: You and your friend or family member has had an argument and even a fight, so you should:

- a) Let them know that you forgive them for what they did, but don't let them forget what they did
- b) Forgive them and move on to let the love you both once had between you return
- c) Let them know that even though they said that they were sorry, what they said and did was just too bad and so you can never talk or be around each other again

[Note: Mother Wisdom will let her children know if someone is allowing the devil to take advantage of a situation. But once someone asks for forgiveness and forgiveness is given, you must put the situation behind you, or on the "hill of forgetfulness", which is where God buries all sin. Since these sins were forgiven by God, they are never to be brought back up. If a person does this, then he or she is acting like the servants of the "accuser" or the devil.]

8. In our next testimony, what does the Lord speak of? Matthew 5:8

Example: A situation comes up that a person is trying to teach you that you do not have to keep the commandments because they happened in the *old days*, and neither is it important to keep the Sabbath Day any more for the same reason. Therefore, you should:

- a) Just call them stupid and walk away
- b) Tell them you are a true saint of God and they are not
- c) Tell them you disagree, but do not argue with them and make sure in your heart you do not let them place doubt in you and change your belief in the commandments and testimonies; reject what they said

[Note: We must understand our war is a spiritual war and NOT A PHYSICAL ONE. We fight by looking for the light of the testimony in what is being said to us!]

9. What is the seventh testimony? Matthew 5:9

Example: Friends are arguing and they both want you to understand their side of the argument so you should:

- a) Tell them that it is only evil trying to break the peace and love of Jesus by starting an argument between them. If there is no peaceful way to solve the problem, drop it and say a prayer for them both
- b) Be angry and stop talking to both of them for trying to put you in the middle of the argument
- c) Since they won't talk to each other, just tell each one what the other one said

[Note: We might wonder and so ask ourselves, “If I am a peaceful person, is it ever okay to be angry?”
Answer: YES. One should seek peace at all times. But when the devil tries to destroy peace by unrighteous deeds, it is okay to want to defend righteousness because of the love of God that dwells in you. However, do not sin because you are angry (Ephesians 4:26, first part). Again, our war is a spiritual one, NOT PHYSICAL!]

BONUS QUESTIONS:

Because Jesus knew that the world would make it hard or difficult for a person who desired to do the testimonies (Matt 5th chapter):

10. What did he say would happen to those that did them?
11. What did he give to them who did so?
12. What should the saint do because of the action taken by the world towards us?

SUMMARY QUESTON:

13. What were his final words to his children regarding the commandments and testimonies? Matt 5:19-20

[Note: The Scribes’ and Pharisees’ doctrine or belief was to keep the commandments ONLY! In Matt 19:16-24 we see that they found it difficult or hard to keep the testimonies.]

JUST FOR FUN!

Please find the following words found within this class:

1. ARROGANT
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9. MERCY
10. MOURN
11. NOURISHMENT
12. PEACEMAKERS
13. PERSECUTE
14. POOR IN SPIRIT
15. PURE IN HEART
16. REVILE
17. SHUN
18. TESTIMONIES

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