

Study Lesson Number 44

The Commandments of God Continued:

Which are the Commandments of God?

The Commandments of God are these ten:

1. I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

Should we be satisfied merely to keep the commandments of God?

We should not be satisfied merely to keep the commandments of God, but should always be ready to do good deeds, even when they are not commanded.

Real love never says "enough". It always tries to do all it can for the one it loves, not just so much and no more.

Loving God perfectly means doing everything every day in the way He prefers us to do it because we want to please Him.

We do not determine, either individually or thinking together as groups, the interpretation of the Law of God. Private interpretation is the characteristic of the Protestant Church - NOT the Catholic Church. Unfortunately, "consensus opinion" has found its way into the mainstream catholic church.

The supreme act of religion is sacrifice, for by it the divine Majesty is honored and adored in the most perfect manner. In what does its greatness consist? Sacrifice is the offering of a visible object by a priest, to God alone, to be either transformed or destroyed. From the days of Cain and Abel the purpose of sacrifice is to acknowledge the absolute majesty and sovereignty of God as well as man's TOTAL dependence on, and submission to Him. Man has never been absolved from his obligation to sacrifice. Rather, he is in a better position to offer sacrifice now, than in Old Testament Days. In those days he offered the blood of bulls and goats, - now man offers GOD TO GOD. In the Old Law there were daily sacrifices, both bloody and unbloody, offered to God. In the New Testament these have been replaced by the one and only acceptable sacrifice - - the sacrifice of the Cross which is daily reenacted in an unbloody manner in the Holy Mass.

God cannot be satisfied with anything less than a perfect Sacrifice. Worship services of hymn singing, and scriptural reading and preaching, good in themselves, ARE NOT acts of sacrifice! The interesting entertainment that is now part and parcel of the mainstream catholic church, simply cannot be understood to be what God had in mind when Jesus Christ was HANGING ON THE CROSS!!!!!! - - no matter who teaches otherwise!