



Children's Sermon: Truth Six ⁱ

#1 - God is the sovereign Creator of all things. (You belong to God.)

#2 - God created people for His glory.

#3 - God is holy and righteous.

#4 - Man is sinful.

#5 - God is just and is right to punish sin.

#6 - God is merciful. He is kind to undeserving sinners.

Psalm 145:8

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Illustration: Sitting Quietly for a Gift

Explanation:

- God is holy and righteous, and He is right to demand that people be holy and righteous like Him. God's commands show us what it means to be holy and righteous. God's commands also show us that we are all sinners. Because God is just, He is right to punish sinners, you and me, with death and hell. This is our biggest problem! We are helpless to solve this problem.
- **Is there anyone who could help us? Do we deserve his help?**
- Why would God want to help us? Because God is a merciful God. (a free gift)
- God gives helpless sinners the free gift of His kindness.
- You cannot work for God's mercy or earn God's mercy by anything you do.
- How does God show He is merciful to sinners? (1 way...being patient with us, He does not instantly throw us into hell when we sin.)
- Even though God is patient, **He still must punish sin** because He is a just and righteous God.
- So, God, in **His mercy**...in **His great kindness**, made a way for sinners to be saved from **death and hell** so we could go to heaven and live forever with God.
- **Did God have to do this?**

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- Did you earn the gift? Why did you get it?

Implication:

- You must depend on God's mercy in order to be saved. (close with prayer)

Loving Life! (6th Commandment - Deut. 19:1–22:12)

Notes:

Psalm 34:12–16

¹² What man is there who **desires life** and **loves many days**, that he may **see good**? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your

lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵ ***The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.*** ¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

A Culture of Life in the Promised Land

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Yahweh expects his people to love him/his and his life giving ways in the details of ordinary life.



I. A Man Hanged on a Tree Is Cursed

²² “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, **for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land** that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance. (Cf. Numbers 35:34 – b/c the LORD lives here)

II. Be Your Brother's Keeper

A. Restore what is Lost

¹ “You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray and ignore them. **You shall take them back to your brother.** ² And if he does not live near you and you do not know who he is, you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall stay with you until your brother seeks it. Then you shall restore it to him. ³ And you shall do the same with his donkey or with his garment, or with any lost thing of your brother's, which he loses and you find; **you may not ignore it.**

B. Help a Brother's Animal

⁴ **You shall not see** your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way **and ignore them.** **You shall help him** to lift them up again.

III. Protecting Life in the Details (Transition 6th to 7th Comm.)

A. Dressing like a man/woman

⁵ “A woman shall not wear a man's garment¹, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is **an abomination to the Lord your God.** (Cf. Dt. 12:31; Gen. 1:27)

B. Protecting Life through Good Stewardship

⁶ “If you come across a bird's nest in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs and the mother sitting on the young

¹ “**Accoutrements**” would be close in meaning - additional items of dress or equipment, or other items carried or worn by a person or used for a particular activity. (weapons)

or on the eggs, *you shall not take the mother with the young.*

⁷ You shall let the mother go, but the young you may take for yourself, *that it may go well with you*, and that you may live long. (Cf. Leviticus 22:28 – Ox & Sheep...same day)

C. Protecting Life through Safe Building Codes

⁸ “When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring the *guilt of blood* upon your house, *if anyone should fall from it.* (Cf. Deut. 19)

D. Remember the Covenant with Yahweh to be Holy

⁹ “You shall not sow your vineyard with *two kinds of seed*, lest the whole yield be forfeited, the crop that you have sown and the yield of the vineyard. ¹⁰ You shall not plow with *an ox and a donkey together.* ¹¹ You shall not wear *cloth of wool and linen mixed together.* (Cf. Lev. 19:19; vs. 18)

¹² “You shall make yourself **tassels** on the four corners of the garment with which you cover yourself. (Cf. Num. 15:38–40)

Key Point: Israel's daily work & clothing were to remind them that they belonged to the Yahweh.

Jesus Displayed God's Glory!

2 Corinthians 4:6

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give *the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

- Jesus became a Curse for Us (Cf. Galatians 3:13)
- Jesus is Our Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–37)
- Jesus Loved in the Daily Details:
 1. Being Found in the Form of a Servant... (Cf. John 18:11; Philippians 2:8)
 2. Jesus understood the Long-Term Goals... (Living Bread; A City that Cannot be Shaken)
 3. Jesus is our only hope in life and in death

...Fired at our Life & Heart

The beauty of Christ's love transforms the way we look at all of life's details.



Looking at Jesus Cultivates a Genuine Love of Life

How am I living/thinking like this is not true?

- ✓ Crossdressing might seem like a victimless crime to me

- Even a superficial denial of the sex God assigned you by birth (i.e. clothing) is offensive to God
- Who gets to define who you are?
- Our Culture is at War against God... (Gender Identity Guidanceⁱⁱ)
- ...& Hates Femininity (submission, gentleness, helping)
- ✓ I might think that God doesn't care about the ordinary details of my life
- ✓ I might believe the lies of my flesh (Cf. Romans 7:21–25; e.g. obedience in the details is ugly & tedious)
- ✓ I might be short sighted in my stewardship choices

1 Timothy 6:17–19

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, ***to be rich in good works***, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus *storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future*, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

What does obedience look like?

- ✓ A transformed mind embraces God's centrality and authority.
- ✓ "Image-bearer" is a full-time job. (If you are not loving in the little things...)

What does this text teach an unbeliever?

- ✓ The details of your life were meant to serve God. (**Feel the weight of your failure**)
- ✓ Turn and put your trust in Jesus alone.

Jesus is our only hope both in life and in death!

If you have a genuine love of life, you will love God & his ways in the every-day details of your life!

ⁱ Helping Children to Understand the Gospel

ⁱⁱ Revised December 5, 2016. <https://www.mass.gov/doc/gender-identity-guidance>