

**Session #6: LABOR AND REWARD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND IN THE KINGDOM OF MAN --Part 3**

**I. Introduction & Review**

A. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

B. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

C. 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

**II. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Commandments = marriage & family the basic building block of a prospering society.**

**A. 5<sup>th</sup>: Family as the first line of self-government—inculcating respect for authority & preservation of wealth for family growth.**

George Gilder, Wealth and Poverty:

“Civilized society is dependent upon the submission of the short-term sexuality of young men to the extended maternal horizons of women. This is what happens in monogamous marriage; the man disciplines his sexuality and extends it into the future through a woman’s womb. The woman gives him access to his children, otherwise forever denied to him; and he gives her the product of his labor, otherwise dissipated on temporary pleasures. The woman gives him a unique link to the future and a vision of it; he gives her faithfulness and a commitment to a lifetime of hard work. If work effort is the first principle of overcoming poverty, marriage is the prime source of upwardly mobile work.”

Parental authority & family inheritance protection

**Deut 15:15-21**

**Prov. 12:24; 19:18**

→ spiritual wealth of character passed as inheritance

**Heb. 12:8**

**B. 7<sup>th</sup>: Adultery as a violence of the core of the family structure**

“Relationship” in the Bible vs. contemporary culture; contracts & relationships

**Num 30:2:** “If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth”

**Principle:** Dysfunctional families create a “vacuum” into which intrudes the State as the New Parent; conversely, strong families are the fundamental mainstay against tyranny. Remember God called Abraham and his family out of a pagan tyranny to start all over.

**III. 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment = centerpiece of the Kingdom of God is the creature made in His image.**

Importance of a royal image:

**1 John 3:12** interpretation of the 1<sup>st</sup> homicide.

**Deut 21:1-9** value of the life lost

The end of all labor isn’t material wealth; it is more life—more godly children, more time for enjoying God’s glory and helping others toward that goal.

**IV. The link between our labor and the labor of the Lord Jesus Christ**

A. Jesus’ Labor on earth—conformity to the principles of human labor & reward → *validates the dynamics of our labor* (**Heb. 2:10; 5:8; John 4:34; 9:4; 17:4; 19:26-27,30.**)

B. Jesus’ Reward in heaven—final “pricing” fits the “value” because the Father makes clear the **true value**—not a pseudo-divine Marxist bureaucrat with a finite and arrogant mind-set coming up with a “fair price”. **Heb 1:4.**