

LESSON 16: RESPECT FOR LIFE

Memory work

105.Q. What does God require in the sixth commandment?

*A. I am not to dishonour, hate, injure, or kill my neighbour
by thoughts, words, or gestures, and much less by deeds,
whether personally or through another;
rather, I am to put away all desire of revenge.*

*Moreover, I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself.
Therefore, also, the government bears the sword to prevent murder.*

106.Q. But does this commandment speak only of killing?

*A. No. By forbidding murder God teaches us
that He hates the root of murder,
such as envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge.*

107.Q. Is it enough, then, that we do not kill our neighbour in any such way?

*A. No.
When God condemns envy, hatred, and anger, He commands us
to love our neighbour as ourselves,
to show patience, peace, gentleness, mercy, and friendliness toward him,
to protect him from harm as much as we can,
and to do good even to our enemies.*

Homework

1. (3) Would the Bible allow a Canadian soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan to kill a Muslim fundamentalist (Taliban, ISIS) soldier during a battle? _____

Why (not)? _____

2. (2) Why is bullying sin against the sixth commandment? _____

EITHER do the exercise on the other side of this sheet OR answer the following question

3. (5) Go to www.WeNeedALaw. What is WeNeedALaw? _____

How is their work related to the sixth commandment? _____

The Hymn 11 project

In our Book of Praise, Hymn 11 is a rhymed version of the ten commandments. A down side to it is that sometimes sections of the law are combined into one stanza.

Thus stanza 2 is about the preface to the law and the first commandment.

In lesson 10 we saw how stanza 2 could be made to be just about the preface to the law. Here it is again, the changes are indicated by underlined italics.

Current Hymn 11:2	Alternative Hymn 11:2
I am the Lord, your God and Saviour, who out of slav'ry set you free, who brought you from the land of Egypt. Have, then, no other gods but me.	I am the LORD, your God and Saviour Who out of slav'ry set you free <u><i>Redeemed by blood you're saved from evil.</i></u> <u><i>Henceforth our covenant will be.</i></u>

Hymn 11:7 covers the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th commandment! We're looking for a stanza on each commandment.

Look carefully at Lord's Day 40 in a Book of Praise and compose a stanza for Hymn 11 that is just about the sixth commandment. Make sure it has the right number of syllables, and that the rhyming pattern is correct (A-B-C-B).

(The first line could be what we already have: "You shall not kill or hate your neighbour")
