



Daily Reflections

February 19, 2018

Scripture

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18

The LORD said to Moses,

"Speak to the whole assembly of the children of Israel and tell them:
Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not steal.

You shall not lie or speak falsely to one another.

You shall not swear falsely by my name,
thus profaning the name of your God.

I am the LORD.

"You shall not defraud or rob your neighbor.

You shall not withhold overnight the wages of your day laborer.

You shall not curse the deaf,
or put a stumbling block in front of the blind,
but you shall fear your God.

I am the LORD.

"You shall not act dishonestly in rendering judgment.

Show neither partiality to the weak nor deference to the mighty,
but judge your fellow men justly.

You shall not go about spreading slander among your kin;
nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor's life is at stake.

I am the LORD.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart.

Though you may have to reprove him,
do not incur sin because of him.

Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your fellow countrymen.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Our Scripture Reflection

The essence of the fall of Adam and Eve was the human attempt to control. When we attempt to control that which is under God's Providence, we get ourselves into trouble. Because God loves us and is aware of our propensity to "mess things up", He gives us commandments. Please note: The commandments are not suggestions. They are the will of God in written form. They are meant to bring us to happiness and peace.

Food for your Journey

"Dear God, I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying." —Elliot (age 5).

If holiness is a quality or condition of being at one with God then thinking about God is a good place to start.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear and Gracious God, Thank You for sending Your Son to be The Way, The Truth and The Life. In a world that is so dark and confusing, help me to seek His Light and follow it faithfully.

Amen