**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Life is a wonderful gift from God.
      1. We ought to enjoy life and choose life.
   2. Jesus is the great life giver.
      1. Satan is the great life destroyer.
   3. John 10:10 is the key verse in the New Testament that helps us to understand Exodus 20:13.
      1. “Thief” in this passage refers to Satan.
      2. Jesus said that Satan, the thief, comes to steal, kill and destroy.
      3. Jesus says of Himself that He comes to give abundant life.
   4. The sixth commandment tells us to choose life.
      1. Exodus 20:13
   5. As parents, we need to teach our children and our families to choose life.
2. JESUS CHRIST GIVES US THREE KINDS OF LIFE
   1. Jesus give us physical life.
      1. John 1:3
      2. Genesis 2:7
      3. There is no way that an evolutionist, no matter his degrees, can explain the origin of life.
         1. Evolution is not science; it is a bias against Almighty God.
      4. We were created by a loving Creator.
      5. We need to teach our children that Jesus Christ is the author of physical life.
   2. Jesus gives us spiritual life.
      1. John 14:6
         1. When Jesus said, “I am the way,” He’s saying, “Without Me, there is no going.”
         2. When Jesus said, “I am the truth,” He’s saying, “Without Me, there is no knowing.”
         3. When Jesus said, “I am the life,” He’s saying, “Without Me, there is no growing.”
      2. Christians are not just nice people trying to do better; we are new creatures having been regenerated and supernaturally transformed by Jesus Christ.
   3. Jesus gives us eternal life.
      1. John 10:10
      2. John 10:27-28
         1. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us His sheep.
      3. Eternal life speaks of the quality and quantity of life.
         1. Jesus adds years to the life and life to the years.
         2. It is never-ending life.
   4. Whereas Jesus Christ is the great life giver, Satan is the minister of destruction.
      1. John 10:10
      2. John 8:44
         1. This passage says that Satan was a murderer from the beginning.
      3. “*Thou shall not kill*” is another way of saying that we must reject Satan; we must choose life.
      4. Satan wants to bring death to our families.
         1. He wants to bring death to youth.
         2. He wants to bring death to purity.
         3. He wants to bring death to joy.
         4. He wants to bring death to happiness.
         5. He wants to bring physical death.
         6. He wants to bring spiritual and eternal death.
         7. Satan wants to make the abundant life the Jesus provides miserable.
         8. Satan is antithetical to life.
      5. Satan hates life because he hates man.
         1. He hates man because man is in the image of God, and Satan hates God.
         2. Satan cannot get at God so he tries to get at man instead.
      6. Satan is a murder, and his method is deception.
         1. He wants to deceive, then destroy and then to damn.
         2. Sin thrills and then it kills.
         3. Sin fascinates and then it assassinates.
   5. Deuteronomy 30:15-20
   6. Genesis 2:7
      1. God formed man out of the dust of the ground; physical life.
      2. God breathed into man the spirit of life or the breath of life; spiritual life.
         1. Man became a living soul.
            1. The souls speaks of the mind, emotion and the will.
            2. That is self-conscience or social life.
      3. Every person has three kinds of life: body, soul and spirit.
         1. With his body, he has physical life.
            1. Physical life made of the dust of the ground.
            2. We know the world beneath us.
         2. With his soul, he has social life.
            1. The Greek word for “soul” is “psyche.”
            2. We know the world around us.
            3. This is our psychological life.
         3. With his spirit, he has spiritual life.
            1. We know the world above us.
   7. Fathers are to protect these three kinds of life for their wives and children.
      1. Deuteronomy 22:8
      2. It is the father’s responsibility to build “a wall” to protect his family from various types of death.
3. FAMILIES ARE GIVEN TO PROTECT PHYSICAL LIFE
   1. There are several forms of destruction from which parents are to protect their homes.
      1. Intentional killing; homicide
         1. We live in a bloody and murderous society.
         2. God will judge them.
      2. Suicide
         1. Our lives belong to God.
         2. God is wise enough, strong enough and good enough to handle what comes our way.
         3. God never approves of suicide.
         4. It never makes matters better.
         5. It brings shame and sorrow on the family left behind.
         6. Jesus will give grace.
            1. 1 Corinthians 10:13

The word “temptation” in this passage does not only mean sin, but also means testing, trial and sorrow.

God will give grace and He will make a way.

* + 1. The crime of infanticide
       1. Thousands of unborn children are killed in America each day.
       2. One of the most dangerous places on Earth has become the womb.
       3. Jeremiah 1:5 answers the question of when life begins.
       4. Pre-born life is real life and precious in the sight of Almighty God.
  1. There are also several indirect ways to transgress Exodus 20:13.
     1. Cruelty
        1. Being heartless.
     2. Corrupt businesses.
        1. Alcohol industry.
           1. The curse of God is upon this industry.
           2. It is brewed with tears, thickened with blood and flavored with death.
           3. Habakkuk 2:12
           4. Habakkuk 2:15
     3. Failing to take care of our bodies; temple maintenance.
        1. Many are slowly killing themselves with a knife and fork by overeating and not eating healthy.
        2. Drinking alcohol.
     4. Hatred
        1. 1 John 3:15
        2. Harboring hate in our hearts for other human beings.
           1. Racial hate.
           2. Religious hate.
           3. Revengeful hate.

1. FAMILIES ARE GIVEN TO PROVIDE SOCIAL LIFE
   1. We should make our homes a happy place.
2. FAMILIES ARE GIVEN TO PRESENT SPIRITUAL LIFE
   1. Parents, especially fathers, should lead their children to Christ.
   2. Parents should pray and plead for the spiritual lives of their children.
3. CONCLUSION
   1. Choose life today. Choose the abundant, eternal life that Jesus Christ offers.
   2. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   3. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16