

Seventh Sunday – Ordinary Time – Year A

Last week JC expanded on the Commandments

You have heard it said ---

But I say to you ---

Well it continues this week!

Leviticus – book of laws

All the do's and don't of Judaism

So what does it say today?

Love your neighbor as yourself

*Take no revenge*

*Cherish no grudge*

I can remember people in church – hurt by another – “poor me” – look at how I was hurt

Now they HAD been hurt

They were RIGHT

But they were having a pity party

Poor me – Poor me – Poor me

What did Leviticus say?

CHERISH no grudge

They were CHERISHING their pain –

wallowing in it

Resting in resentment

NO HEALING IN THAT!

Resentment only hurts yourself

Would you burn down the house to rid a rat?

Fire of hate within us burns US, not them

Jesus says Go beyond what's expected

Turn the other cheek

Eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth results in a blind toothless church

Jesus says love your enemies – pray for those who persecute you.

Your enemies expect your hatred – and are ready for your revenge

They are NOT expecting you to love them – *How do they deal with that?*

Jesus knows that revenge won't heal hurt – but love will

Love is where the healing starts

Jesus calls us to be perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect

How on earth can I do that?

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