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(*have we loved God above all else?*).
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(*make a god to suit ourselves, with our hands or our mind*).
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- 4. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.**
- 5. Honor your father and mother.**
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(*hatred is considered as murder*).
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Perhaps you think that God is good, and will therefore overlook your sins. *But it is His goodness that will make sure murderers, rapists, thieves, liars, etc. receive justice.* He would be a corrupt Judge if He turned a blind eye to injustice.

God, however, made a way where His justice and His goodness could meet. We broke the Law, but He became a man to pay the fine.

Now, because of what Jesus did for us in satisfying the Law, God can forgive us *and grant us the gift of everlasting life!* But here's where many people make a fatal mistake. They think they will enter Heaven if they live a good life. But isn't it true that the best of us have lied, stolen, lusted, hated, failed to love God above all else, and failed to love our neighbor as ourselves? How can we then, live a "good" life if we have *already* sinned against God? At best we are reformed liars and thieves . . . Lawbreakers.

Think of it this way -- would you sell one of your eyes for a million dollars? *Would you sell both for \$50 million?* I'm sure you wouldn't. Your eyes are priceless, yet they are merely the windows of your soul. *What then must your life (soul) be worth?* With these thoughts in mind, what would be a fair price to pay for *everlasting* life? *It is utterly without price.* Yet, if we trust in our own goodness to enter Heaven, we are saying to God, "I should enter Heaven because I have done good—I have *earned* my way in."

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