

Commandment 10 – You Shall Not Covet



Exodus 20:17

- **Review – The Study of the Ten Commandments**
 - **The Ten Commandments were never given as a way of salvation.**
 - **Our eternal salvation, our forgiveness, and our right standing with God are wholly and completely rooted in Jesus' finished work on the cross.**
 - **The first four commandments deal with our relationship with God, and the last six deals with our relationship with each other.**
- 1. Commandment 1 – “Thou (You) shall have no other gods before Me”**
 - **God's character demands loyalty.**
 - 2. Commandment 2 – “Thou shall not make unto you any graven image.”**
 - **Never make nor worship false gods.**
 - 3. Commandment 3 – “Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”**
 - **Never misuse God's name; never use profanity.**
 - 4. Commandment 4 – “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.”**
 - **The Sabbath was made for man, it was for man's good!**
 - 5. Commandment 5 – “Honor Thou Father and Thou Mother.”**
 - **There are two great promises that attached to this commandment.**
 - 6. Commandment 6 – “Thou shall not kill (murder).”**
 - **This commandment forbids willful murder, the unauthorized or unlawful taking of life.**
 - 7. Commandment 7 – “Thou shall not commit adultery”**
 - **Adultery covers any form of unfaithfulness.**
 - 8. Commandment 8 – “Thou shall not steal”**
 - **This commandment prohibits stealing money or anything belonging to another (2 Cor. 8:21).**

9. Commandment 9 – “Thou shall not bear false witness against your neighbor – never lie”

- A lie is an untrue statement made with the intent to deceive.

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- The first and tenth commandments deal with what’s in the heart, while the other eight focus on outward actions that begin in the heart (Matt. 15:19; Luke 12:15).
 - To covet means to desire or to lust.
 - Coveting is a strong longing to possess something that is not yours.
 - This commandment goes beyond the external sin of word or deed to condemn evil motives and desires.
 - This law exposes the depravity of men and women and calls for them to seek grace and moral power from God.
 - Covetousness is a sin given little attention.
 - Covetousness can and often does enslave the human soul.
 - Covetousness is terribly destructive.
- 1. Who is to obey this commandment? Every one of us!**
- As long as man exists and God rules over the earth, there will be a need for this tenth commandment.