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Exodus 19:1-31:18
Ten Commandments (Part 4)

The Law constantly reminds us of:

- Our sinfulness
- Our need for a Savior
- Our need for God's enabling power to obey

- Basis: Grace
- Means: Faith
- Object: Jesus

Commandments 1-4: Reverence for God
Commandments 5-10: Respect for Others

Command #9: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor (Exodus 20:16).

1. Lying is in direct opposition to the character of God.

Numbers 23:19

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Titus 1:2

in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,

2. God despised lying.

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

3. Lying is futile.

Proverbs 20:17

Food gained by fraud tastes sweet, but one ends up with a mouth full of gravel.

Proverbs 12:19

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

4. Lying harms others.

Proverbs 25:18

Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is one who gives false testimony against a neighbor.

5. The “Liar” cannot be a true believer.

Revelation 21:8

“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

The Family of Lies

- **Slander**

Ephesians 4:31

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

- **Gossip**

Romans 1:28-32

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

- **Flattery**

- **Half-truths**

- **Silent Lie**

- **Hypocrisy**

Galatians 2:11-14

When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

- **False Profession**

1 John 1:6-7

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 2:4

Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

1 John 4:20

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

Command # 10: You shall not covet (Exodus 20:17)

1. **You shall not covet you neighbor's possessions.**
2. **You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.**
3. **You shall not covet your neighbor's position.**
4. **You shall not covet your anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Be content with who you are and what you have.

1 Corinthians 15:10

By the grace of God I am what I am....

Philippians 4:11-13

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.