The 10 Commandments



 *March 23*

**CONTEXT:** Today we conclude our study in the 10 Commandments with a look at the last three.We’ll also seek to tie them all together.

***Challenge:*** Can anyone recite the essence of the 10 Commandments?

**FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP** (Ro 1:5 & 16:26)

* Why did Paul use this phrase in the opening and closing of Romans?
* When you hear the word “faith” do you automatically associate it with “obedience”?
* What is duty faith?
	+ Our duty to believe in faith…
	+ Our duty to obey in faith…
* What would the world look like if Christians had this kind of faith?
* Mediate on the words from the hymn, *Trust and obey*

**READ:** Ex 20:1–21 (c.f. Dt 5:7–21)

**QUESTIONS:**

Eighth Commandment—Stealing

1. Is stealing a loaf of bread to feed your starving family wrong? (see Prov 30:7–9).
2. Why does stealing cross economic classes?
3. **Beyond private property, why is taking something that is not yours wrong (think character of God and our relationship to Him)?**
4. Rather than being self-focused why should we seek to be generous (as the Law commanded Israel to be-Lev 19:33–34)?
5. **What are some less obvious ways that people steal today?**

Ninth Commandment—Lying

1. *Though we usually say ‘lying’ bearing false witness is a serious form of lying where you lie in court or in such a way that a neighbour is punished as a result of what you say, or you gain something at another’s expense.*
2. **Thinking of the character of God, why is lying wrong?**
3. Why might someone lie?
4. What leads some to become chronic liars?
5. **What will we not experience if we lie? How does it effect society?**
6. Why are there no ‘white lies’ (Rev 21:8)

Tenth Commandment—Coveting

1. All of the previous commands were e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is the only command that is obviously i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **What is another way to say ‘covet’?**
3. If anything could be coveted, why are these named?
4. How can coveting something come to govern you?
5. **Why is coveting sinful? How does coveting affect our relationship with the Lord?**
6. Read Eph 5:5. How does breaking this command break the first command?
7. Read Mk 7:21–23. Though most of the commands are external, how does this command show they all actually flow from the heart?
8. **How can we use God’s moral law in evangelism?**
9. *Think back to the Cross that is formed in these horizontal (us and others) and vertical (us and God) commands.* **What did Christ accomplish for sinners? How is repentance and faith in Christ the solution to our lawbreaking?**

Living in Light of Our Freedom

1. **Go back and read Ex 20:2. If God’s grace in rescuing Israel from Egypt was the rational for keeping these commands, how much more should we seek to live for Christ after being saved from sin (1 Cor 6:20)?**
2. **How would the world be a better place if we all kept the 10 Commandments? Why is this a utopian dream outside of Christ?**

**NEXT TIME:** March 30th- The 23rd Psalm