

# The Sanctuary – The Ten Commandments Given by God

## ST Series 25

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### The Last Six Precepts of Jehovah (Ex.20:11-17)

"The decalogue consists of the language of His covenant (Ex.30:28).

By the everlasting contract of salvation the Father and the Son and the Spirit pledge Themselves to empower fallen mankind to attain to the standards They reveal within the law. Christ ratified this agreement on the Cross with His blood. In calling His law His covenant Jehovah states implicitly that with His ten words He will supply power to enable those who willingly comply to reach the goal He has set. It is the sum total of His revealed truth, through which He displays His love for mankind.

[Let us not forget The Preamble (vs.2), for it typifies Christ's deliverance from sin.]

V. "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." {PP 308.1}

*Parents are entitled to a degree of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which is due to no other person. God Himself, who has placed upon them a responsibility for the souls committed to their charge, has ordained that during the earlier years of life, parents shall stand in the place of God to their children. And he who rejects the rightful authority of his parents is \_\_\_\_\_ the authority of God. The fifth commandment requires children not only to yield respect, submission, and obedience to their parents, but also to give them love and \_\_\_\_\_, to lighten their cares, to guard their reputation, and to succor and comfort them in old age. It also enjoins respect for ministers and rulers and for \_\_\_ others to whom God has delegated authority.*

*This, says the apostle, "is the first commandment with \_\_\_\_\_." Ephesians 6:2. To Israel, expecting soon to enter Canaan, it was a pledge to the obedient, of long life in that good land; but it has a wider meaning, including all the Israel of God, and promising eternal life upon the earth when it shall be freed from the curse of sin. {PP 308}*

Positive Injunction

VI. "Thou shalt not Kill."

*All acts of injustice that tend to \_\_\_\_\_ life; the spirit of hatred and revenge, or the indulgence of any passion that leads to injurious acts toward others, or causes us even to \_\_\_\_\_ them harm (for "whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer"); a selfish neglect of \_\_\_\_\_ for the needy or suffering; all self-indulgence or unnecessary deprivation or excessive labor that tends to injure health--all these are, to a greater or less degree, violations of the sixth commandment. {PP 308.5}*

VII. "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

*This commandment forbids not only acts of impurity, but \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts and desires, or any \_\_\_\_\_ that tends to excite them. \_\_\_\_\_ is demanded not only in the outward life but in the secret intents and emotions of the heart. Christ, who taught the far-reaching obligation of the law of God, declared the evil \_\_\_\_\_ or look to be as truly sin as is the unlawful deed. {PP 308.7}*

VIII. "Thou shalt not steal."

*Both public and private sins are included in this prohibition. The eighth commandment condemns manstealing and slave dealing, and forbids wars of conquest. It condemns theft and robbery. It demands \_\_\_\_\_ integrity in the minutest details of the affairs of life. It forbids overreaching in \_\_\_\_\_, and requires the payment of just \_\_\_\_\_ or wages. It declares that every attempt to advantage oneself by the ignorance, weakness, or misfortune of another is registered as \_\_\_\_\_ in the books of heaven.*

*{PP 309.1}*

IX. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

*False speaking in any matter, every attempt or purpose to \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbor, is here included. An intention to deceive is what constitutes falsehood. By a glance of the eye, a motion of the hand, an expression of the countenance, a falsehood may be told as \_\_\_\_\_ as by words. All intentional overstatement, every hint or \_\_\_\_\_ calculated to convey an erroneous or exaggerated impression, even the statement of facts in such a manner as to \_\_\_\_\_, is falsehood. This precept forbids every effort to \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbor's reputation by misrepresentation or evil surmising, by slander or \_\_\_\_\_ bearing. Even the intentional suppression of truth, by which injury may result to others, is a violation of the ninth commandment. {PP 309.3}*

X. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

*The tenth commandment strikes at the very \_\_\_\_\_ of all sins, prohibiting the selfish desire, from which springs the sinful act. He who in obedience to God's law \_\_\_\_\_ from indulging even a sinful desire for that which belongs to another will not be guilty of an act of wrong toward his fellow creatures.*

Obedience to the Last Six Reveals our love for our fellow man. Only as we love our fellow man, does it reveal our love for God. {1 John 4:20}. Remember this statement in closing:

"The Great Teacher came to our world to stand at the head of humanity, to thus elevate and sanctify humanity by His holy obedience to all of God's requirements showing it is possible to obey all the commandments of God. He has demonstrated that a lifelong obedience is possible. Thus He gives men to the world, as the Father gave the Son, to exemplify in their life the life of Jesus Christ. . . ."

{LHU 169.5}

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