

Exodus: Redeemed for the Glory of God
Chapters 20:12-24:18 The Law Part 2

1. Where are we in Redemptive History?
2. What does the word “Exodus” mean?
3. Why is the exodus such an important story to understand?
4. In what ways does this book point to Christ?
5. What has happened in Exodus so far?

How are we to apply the 10 commandments? Test Case:

“Then God spoke all these words, saying, ² ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery... 16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.’” (Exodus 20:15)

What, on a surface level, is this commandment forbidding and requiring?

Westminster Shorter Catechism

77. What does the ninth commandment require?

The ninth commandment requires us to tell the truth and to maintain and promote it and our own and others’ reputations, especially when testifying.

78. What does the ninth commandment forbid?

The ninth commandment forbids anything that gets in the way of the truth or injures anyone’s reputation.

Why, ultimately, are we commanded not to lie?

“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began” (Titus 1:1-2).

“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44).

“Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal faithfully are His delight” (Proverbs 12:22).

What are some secondary reasons that we should not lie?

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another” (Ephesians 4:25).

Must we tell the truth under any and all circumstances? What might be some exceptions?

Heidelberg Catechism 112. Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works, under penalty of God's heavy wrath. In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth, speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbour's honour and reputation.

What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

What is required in the ninth commandment?

What are subtle ways that we break this commandment, either knowingly or even unknowingly?

- White lies
- Flattery
- Slander/Gossip
- Tangled lies
- 2 faced
- False appearances
- Not defending or proclaiming Christ

What is the root of these kinds of sins?

Is it necessary to speak the truth in every circumstance, or is silence sometimes appropriate?

What are ways we can guard the truth in our lives?

How does lying show a lack of true understanding of the Gospel?

How do you apply the 2nd use to this commandment?