

The Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Commandments

The Eighth Commandment shows that God cares about and protects our honor and name. In the Second Commandment, the Lord protects His name. In the Eighth Commandment, He protects yours. There are many aspects of life that are established and protect in the Eighth Commandment. First, the Lord insists that we tell the truth. We are not only held accountable for our actions, but also for our words. Second, courts are here protected. Every society has a court system, a way of determining guilt and innocence. This is also protected here. Finally, the Christian understands the great value of a name, that our trustworthiness is a gift, and the ability to make and keep a promise holds society together.

In the Ninth and Tenth Commandments, God also demands that we be content with all that He has given to you; and equally important, that you also be “content” with what He has given to your neighbor. The content of this final two commandments covers everything that your neighbor has and that you are not to take from your neighbor the good gifts that the LORD has given to them.

Thus these [two] commandments are especially directed against envy and miserable avarice, God wishing to remove all causes and sources whence arises everything by which we do injury to our neighbor, and therefore He expresses it in plain words: Thou shalt not covet, etc. For He would especially have the heart pure, although we shall never attain to that as long as we live here; so that this commandment will remain, like all the rest, one that will constantly accuse us and show how godly we are in the sight of God! [Luther’s Large Catechism, paragraph 310].

Thanks be to God!

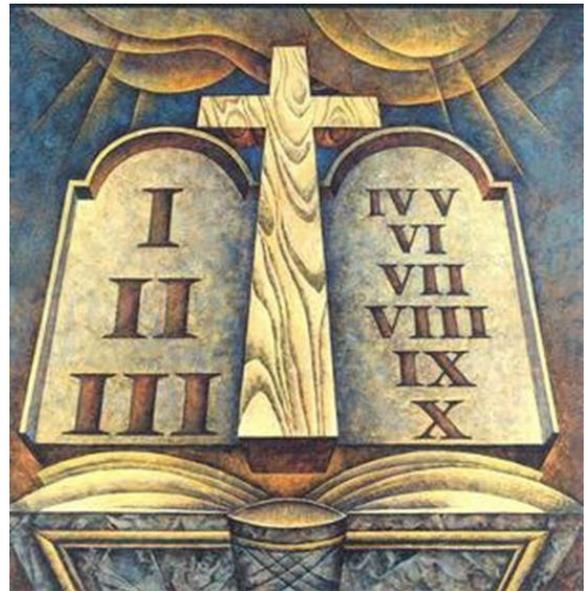
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The Office of Vespers

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Vespers after *Judica*

“The Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth
Commandments”

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[We rise]

Opening Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” #434

Opening Sentences

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PSALMODY

Psalm 15

[Read responsively by half verse]

[Be seated]

READINGS

First Reading

1 Kings 21:1-29

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God!

[We rise]

Holy Gospel

St. Mark 14:53-72

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God!

Responsory for Lent

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[Be seated]

Office Hymn

“These are the Holy Ten Commands” #581

[stanzas 1, 9-12]

Sermon

[We rise]

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” #422

[replacing the Canticle]

[Be seated]

The offering is received

[We rise]

PRAYER

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer

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O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to you.

Collect of the Day: O God of our Salvation, Who out of love did send Your Only-Begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life, grant unto us the aid of the Holy Spirit so that we will not bear false witness against our neighbor but speak truthfully and not to covet anything that is our neighbors; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Lent: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

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Benedicamus, Benediction

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Closing Hymn

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” #420

The congregation departs in silence.

The Eighth Commandment

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

What does this mean?—Answer. We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor, but defend him, [think and] speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

The Ninth Commandment.

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house.”

What does this mean?—Answer. We should fear and love God that we may not craftily seek to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, and obtain it by a show of [justice and] right, etc., but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.”

What does this mean?—Answer. We should fear and love God that we may not estrange, force, or entice away our neighbor’s wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and [diligently] do their duty.