

NINTH COMMANDMENT – Part 3

8/6/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Ninth Commandment – Part 3”
 - Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)
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- Foundational scripture

Exod. 20:2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”

- Ninth Commandment

Exod. 20:16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”
Prov. 19:5 a false witness will not go unpunished – he who speaks lies will not escape
 9 a false witness will not go unpunished – he who speaks lies shall perish

- First major concept – False witness in a legal setting
 - Second major concept – Speaking lies in general
 - Subdivisions – within the 2 overall concepts
 - Part 1 – False witness in a legal setting
 - Part 2 – Matthew 5:38-42
 - Part 3 – 5 Biblical examples of dealing with false witnesses
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3. 5 Biblical examples of dealing with false witnesses

- Joseph

Gen. 39:7 Potiphar’s wife confronted Joseph
 8-9 Joseph refused
 10 she persisted – day by day
 11 one day – none of the men were in the house
 12 he left his garment in her hand
 13-15 after Joseph fled outside, she started spreading lies to the other men
 16-18 she accused Joseph to her husband
 19 Potiphar was angry
 20 Joseph was put into prison
 21 the Lord was with Joseph
 23 the Lord made it prosper

· David

- Psalm 27:12 do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have
risen against me, and such as breathe out violence
- Psalm 57:1-11 David – hiding from Saul in a cave
- Psalm 109:1 “do not keep silent”
- 2 mouth of wicked & mouth of deceitful – have spoken against me
- 3 they have surrounded me with words of hatred – they have fought against
me without a cause
- 4 even though I have treated them well – they are my accusers
- 5 they have rewarded me evil for good – have given me hatred for my love
- 2 Sam. 10:1 king of Ammon died – Hanun became king
- 2 David wanted to show kindness
- 3 “do you think that David really honors your father (because he sent
comforters to you)?” – he sent spies
- 4 Hanun took David’s servants – shaved off half their beards – cut off their
garments in the middle at their buttocks – sent them away

· Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego

- Dan. 3:8 certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews
- 12 there are certain Jews – have not paid due regard to you – they do not
serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up

· Stephen

- Acts 6:11 secretly induced men to say – “We have heard him speak blasphemous
words against Moses and God”
- 12 stirred up the people, elders & scribes – to seize & to bring before council
- 13 they set up false witnesses – this man does not cease to speak
blasphemous
words against this holy place and [against] the law – for we have
heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and
change the customs which Moses delivered to us
- Acts 7:51-53 Stephen chose to speak strongly

· Paul

- Acts 16:16-19 the profit from fortune-telling was gone – Paul & Silas to the magistrates
- 20-21 these men (being Jews) exceedingly trouble our city – they teach customs
which are not lawful for us (being Romans) to receive or observe
- 23-25 in prison
- 35-40 national rights
- Acts 17:7 “these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar”
- Acts 21:28 this is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law
and this place (temple)