

## **The Seventh Commandment.**

### **56. Which is the Seventh Commandment?**

Thou shalt not steal.

### **57. What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or goods, nor get them by false ware or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property. and business.

### **58. What Is forbidden In this Commandment?**

We should not take our neighbor's money or goods, nor get them by false ware or dealing.

### **59. What particular sins are here forbidden?**

Every kind of robbery, theft, usury, and fraud, as well as envy and covetousness within our hearts.

104) Eph. 4, 28. Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

105) Hab. 2, 6. Woe to him that Increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!

106) 1 Thess. 4, 6. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter, because that the Lord is the avenger of all such.

107) Lev 19, 35. 36, Ye shall do no unrighteousness In Judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have. I am the Lord, your God.

108) Lev. 25, 36. Take thou no usury of him or increase, but fear thy, God, that thy brother may live with thee.

109) Jer. 22, 13. Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages and giveth him not for his work.

110) 2 Thess. 3, 10. If any would not work neither should he eat.

111). Ps. 37, 21. The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again.

112) Prov. 29, 24. Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul.

B. H. Luke 10, 30. Robbery, - Josh, 7. Achan.- 2 Kings 5. Gehazi.

### **60, What is enjoined in this Commandment?**

That we should help our neighbor to improve and protect his property and business,

### **61. How is this done?**

By assisting our neighbor in word and deed that his property and business may be increased and preserved from harm.

113) Matt. 5, 42. Give to him that asketh thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

114) Prov.19,17. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.

115) Hebr. 13, 16. But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

B. H. Gen. 13, 1-12. Abraham and Lot. --Luke 19, 8 Zacchaeus.

### **The Eighth Commandment.**

#### **62. Which Is the Eighth Commandment?**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against his neighbor.

#### **63. What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, nor defame our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

#### **64. What is forbidden in this Commandment?**

Not only every untrue testimony in court, but all words and thoughts against our neighbor which me from a deceitful heart.

116) Zech. 8, 17. Let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor. 1 Cor. 6. (Litigiousness.)

#### **65. What is deceitfully belying our neighbor?**

With a deceitful heart telling him a falsehood or withholding from him the truth.

117) Eph. 4, 25. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another.

118) Prov. 19,5. A false witness shall not be unpunished and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

B. H. 2 Kings 5, 25. Gehazi. - 1 Kings 21,13. False witnesses against Naboth. - Matt. 26, 59-61. False witnesses against Jesus.

#### **66. What Is betraying our neighbor?**

With a deceitful heart revealing his secrets.

119) Prov. 11, 13. A talebearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

B. H. 1 Sam. 22, 6-19. Doeg. - Matt. 26, 14. Judas.

#### **67. What is slandering our neighbor?**

With a deceitful heart speaking evil of him.

120) James 4, 11. Speak not evil one of another, brethren.

121) Luke 6, 37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned.

122) Matt. 18, 15. If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone.

B. H. 2 Sam. 15, 1-6. Absalom.

#### **68. What is defaming our neighbor?**

With a deceitful heart injuring or destroying his good fame.

123) Ps. 50, 16. 19-22. Unto the wicked God saith, Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself. But I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

**69. What is enjoined in this Commandment?**

We should defend our neighbor, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

**70. What Is defending our neighbor?**

Protecting him against false accusations.

124) Prov. 31, 8. 9. Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. in thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause he poor and needy.

**71. What is speaking well of our neighbor?**

Praising his good deeds and qualities as far as It can be done in keeping with the truth.  
*B. H.* 1 Sam. 19,4. Jonathan.

**72. What is putting the best construction on everything?**

Charitably covering our neighbor's faults and frailties, and explaining in his favor whatever admits of such explanation.

125) 1 Pet. 4, 8. Charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

126) 1 Cor. 13, 7. Charity believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.