

## Loving Others – Commandments 5-10

Exodus 20:12-17

*Jesus reapplies the heart of the commandments for us today.*

*Commandment Zero (v2) – it is rescue first, relationship (obedience) second.*

**Commandment Five** - <sup>12</sup> *"Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*

*Honouring our parents is like honouring God in our lives.*

**Commandment Six** - <sup>13</sup> *"You shall not murder".*

*Jesus says, "But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment." (Matthew 5:22)*

Commandment six points to the problem of hate in the human heart.

*Would we be willing to be wrong for the sake of peace?  
Forgiven people, can be more forgiving.*

**Commandment Nine** - <sup>16</sup> *"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.*

Truthfulness, honesty, constancy and reliability. These are marks of the believer

*It would be loving to your neighbours if they could trust and depend on you.*

**Commandment Ten** <sup>17</sup> *"You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."*

Coveting is putting ourselves and our desires before God and our neighbours, (C 1)

*To who or what do you look for life-sustaining stability, security and acceptance?  
What do you really want out of life? What would really make you happy? What would make you worthy of acceptance in your eyes*

### Final words

Loving others (C 5-10) overflows from Loving God first (C 1-4)

God couldn't be more on our side to help us get this right, Titus 2.

## **Commandment Seven** - <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery.

Adultery was a sin against God before anyone else (Gen 20:6, 39:9, Psalm 51:4)

The penalty was death (Lev 20:10, Deut 22:22, Ezek 16:38)

It serious b/c adulterous people could commit adultery on God (Commandment One)

### **New Testament – Matthew 5 - Sermon on the Mount**

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'<sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Jesus also takes adultery seriously – he commands drastic steps to avoid it.

Flee from adulterous temptation – flirtations, fantasising, being alone with people you're not married to, pornography.

## **Commandment Eight** - <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

It begins with a dissatisfaction with what God has given us.

Theft undermines the unity of Israel, it is therefore an attack on the whole nation.

### **New Testament – Ephesians 4:28**

<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

A Christian's attitude to money can either build up or break down the church.

Understanding all that God has given us, should lead to humility and thanksgiving rather than discontentment and therefore stealing.

If God has lavished on us the riches of his grace, we should be generous with others.

Christians should be beyond reproach when it comes to stealing – tax return integrity, insurance claims, Centrelink benefits, what we do during work hours, illegal downloads.