

Lev. 19:11,12

The Ring of Fire

The Eighth Word (And You Shall Not Steal), Part Seven

Sermon Notes for August 14, 2011 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

- I. The Context - Lev. 19:5-10; 13-18 (See Attached)
 - A. Charity vv. 5-10
 - B. Oppression [H6231] vv. 13-18
 - Making another's life harder through sin; accounting practices which works hardships
 - By Force [H1497] (Rip Off)
 - By A Lack of Consideration - Mt. 20:8
 - By Their Absence
 - By Injustice (Class Justice, Man's Justice)
 - By A Failure of Direct Dealing
 - C. The Corrective - Fear God
- II. The Progression Into the Ring of Fire (Judgment)
 - A. Stealing H1689 (By Stealth, Not "Robbing" by Force)
 - Absalom Stole the People's Heart - 2 Sam. 15
 - B. Deceiving (Dealing Falsely) H3584 (Shine On, Feigned Respect)
 - C. Lying H8266
 - D. Swearing Falsely H7650 plus H8267 (False to God's Truth, Lying Words)
 - E. Profaning God's Name (Him!) H2490
 - Social Justice and Profaning God's Name - Prov. 30:9; Amos 2:7
 - Profaning God's Name and Day - Isa. 56:6
 - Hating One's Neighbor

Lev. 6:1-7

Conclusion of Ethics Section - Lev. 22:31-33

- IV. The Fire
 - A Place with Sorcerers and Adulterers - Mal. 3:5
 - Excommunication - Ps. 24:4; Jer. 7:9; Lev. 20:3
 - A Devouring Curse - Zech. 5:3,4

- V. The Corrective - The Primacy of God's Name
 - MH - "To maintain a very reverent regard to the scared name of God."
 - Ezek. 20:8,9, 13,14; 22; 36:17-27; 39:7

Leviticus 19:5–18 (ESV)

5 “When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. **6** It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall be burned up with fire. **7** If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is tainted; it will not be accepted, **8** and everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned what is holy to the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from his people. **9** “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. **10** And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: **I am the LORD your God.**

11 “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. **12** You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: **I am the LORD.**

13 “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. **14** You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: **I am the LORD.** **15** “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. **16** You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: **I am the LORD.**

17 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. **18** You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: **I am the LORD.**

Leviticus 6:1–7 (ESV) — **1** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** “If anyone sins and commits a breach of faith against the LORD by **deceiving** [H3584] his neighbor in a matter of deposit or security, or through **robbery** [H1498], or if he has **oppressed** [H6231] his neighbor **3** or has found something lost and **lied** [H3584] about it, **swearing** [H7650] falsely—in any of all the things that people do and sin thereby— **4** if he has sinned and has realized his guilt and will restore what he took by robbery or what he got by oppression or the deposit that was committed to him or the lost thing that he found **5** or anything about which he has sworn falsely, he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day he realizes his guilt. **6** And he shall bring to the priest as his compensation to the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flock, or its equivalent for a guilt offering. **7** And the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven for any of the things that one may do and thereby become guilty.”

3. New Laws for the New Man - Leviticus 17-22

Leviticus 19 – Holiness and Obedience

I. Holiness – 2 Sets of 4 (You Shall Be Holy)

Personal Integrity – Things people won't see, or the magistrate won't see or punish

A. I am the Lord Your God (AAAA)

1. Verse 2 – Be holy – Summary statement of all, plus first half.
2. Verse 3 – Parents and Sabbath, Commandments 5 and 4
Note verses 29 and 40 – Children and Sabbath
Sum of holiness submit to God's sovereignty in home and church.
3. Verse 4 – No idols, no cast idols – Commandments 1 and 2
4. Verses 5-10 – *Peace Offerings, Gleaning – Commandment 3?*
Grace received in food, grace shown in food.
Protological, eschatological claims Firstfruits and last gleanings.

B. I am the Lord (BBBB) (4 subsections for each section)

1. **Verses 11,12– Steal, lie, deceive, swear falsely – Commandments 8 and 9**
Progressive actions – steals, lies, deceives, swears falsely to God
2. Verses 13,14 – *Stealing and oppressing the poor – Commandment 7,8*
(Mistreatment of the Bride, Ex. 22:21-27)
Fear God – He sees it, He hears it.
3. Verses 15,16 – *Justice in the Court – Commandment 9*
Ex. 23:1-10
4. Verses 17,18 – *Love your brother – Commandment 6*
Concludes first half, hatred is murder in the heart.

II. Obedience – 2 Sets of 4 (You Shall Keep My Statutes)

Corporate Integrity – “you” is plural.

A. ABBA

1. Verses 19-25 – Forbidden Mixtures, Circumcised Trees – Commandment 3
Dt. 22:9-11 – Harvest from mixed seeds holy to God.
Ex. 28:6 – Priest had linen and wool (scarlet thread) in his garment
Strong, healthy, new creation Firstfruits (like 8th day animals)
2. Verses 26-28 – Idolatry – Commandment 1
Blood, enchantment, times (sacrament, word, government)
Observe times - clouds, change weather, spirits of air
God's image in head, body (leprosy) – Goatees and Mohawks - glory
3. Verses 29,30 – Children and Sabbath – Commandments 5 and 4
4. Verse 31 – Mediums and Spiritists – False Mediation – Commandment 2

B. BAAB

1. Verse 32 – Respect of the Elderly and Fear of God – Commandment 5
2. Verses 33,34 Justice to the Stranger – Commandment 9 (Vex - Ex. 23:9)
3. Verses 35,36 – Honest Measures – Commandment 10 (Dt. 25:13-15)
4. Verse 37 – Guard All My Statutes - Summary

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What are the duties required in the eighth commandment?

The duties required in the eighth commandment are, truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce between man and man; (Ps. 15:2,4, Zech. 7:4,10, Zech. 8:16–17) restitution of goods unlawfully detained from the right owners thereof; (Lev. 6:2–5, Luke 19:8) giving and lending freely, according to our abilities, and the necessities of others; (Luke 6:30,38, 1 John 3:17, Eph. 4:28, Gal. 6:10) moderation of our judgments, wills, and affections concerning worldly goods; (1 Tim. 6:6–9, Gal. 6:14) a provident care and study to get, (1 Tim. 5:8) keep, use, and dispose these things which are necessary and convenient for the sustentation of our nature, and suitable to our condition; (Prov. 27:23–27, Eccl. 2:24, Eccl. 3:12–13, 1 Tim. 6:17–18, Isa. 38:1, Matt. 11:8) a lawful calling, (1 Cor. 7:20, Gen. 2:15, Gen. 3:19) and diligence in it; (Eph. 4:28, Prov. 10:4) frugality; (John 6:12, Prov. 21:20) avoiding unnecessary law-suits, (1 Cor. 6:1–9) and suretiship, or other like engagements; (Prov. 6:1–6, Prov. 11:15) and an endeavor, by all just and lawful means, to procure, preserve, and further the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own. (Lev. 25:35, Deut. 22:1–4, Exod. 23:4–5, Gen. 47:14,20, Phil. 2:4, Matt. 22:39)

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What are the sins forbidden in the eighth commandment?

The sins forbidden in the eighth commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, (James 2:15–16, 1 John 3:17) are, theft, (Eph. 4:28) robbery, (Ps. 62:10) man-stealing, (1 Tim. 1:10) and receiving any thing that is stolen; (Prov. 29:24, Ps. 50:18) fraudulent dealing, (1 Thess. 4:6) false weights and measures, (Prov. 11:1, Prov. 20:10) removing landmarks, (Deut. 19:14, Prov. 23:10) injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts between man and man, (Amos 8:5, Ps. 37:21) or in matters of trust; (Luke 16:10–12) oppression, (Ezek. 22:29, Lev. 25:17) extortion, (Matt. 23:25, Ezek. 22:12) usury, (Ps. 15:5) bribery, (Job 15:34) vexatious law-suits, (1 Cor. 6:6–8, Prov. 3:29–30) unjust inclosures and depopulations; (Isa. 5:8, Micah 2:2) ingrossing commodities to enhance the price; (Prov. 11:26) unlawful callings, (Acts 19:19,24–25) and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking or withholding from our neighbour what belongs to him, or of enriching ourselves; (Job 20:19, James 5:4, Prov. 21:6) covetousness; (Luke 12:15) inordinate prizing and affecting worldly goods; (1 Tim. 6:5, Col. 3:2, Prov. 23:5, Ps. 62:10) distrustful and distracting cares and studies in getting, keeping, and using them; (Matt. 6:25,31,34, Eccl. 5:12) envying at the prosperity of others; (Ps. 73:3, Ps. 37:1,7) as likewise idleness, (2 Thess. 3:11, Prov. 18:9) prodigality, wasteful gaming; and all other ways whereby we do unduly prejudice our own outward estate, (Prov. 21:17, Prov. 23:20–21, Prov. 28:19) and defrauding ourselves of the due use and comfort of that estate which God hath given us. (Eccl. 4:8, Eccl. 6:2, 1 Tim. 5:8)