

Dt. 24:8-25:3

## *Social Justice Redux*

### **The 9th Word (And You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor), Part 3**

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#### ***Intro: Perspectives on the Ten Words***

1. 4-3-3; 1-5 and 6-10; Chiasm

A. No other gods / No idols

B. No name in vain

C. Rest on Holy Sabbath/ do all labor on the other six days

D. Honor Parents

-->No Murder

D` No Adultery (honor spouse)

C` No theft (work with your hands)

B` No false witness

A` No coveting neighbor's wife / No coveting neighbor's other property.

Ergo, Paul is right. Covetousness is idolatry.

### **Deuteronomy 24:8–25:3 (NKJV)**

**8** "Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy, that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do. **9** Remember what the LORD your God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt!

**10** "When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. **11** You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you. **12** And if the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight. **13** You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God.

**14** "You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. **15** Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the LORD, and it be sin to you.

**16** "Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

**17** "You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as a pledge. **18** But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

**19** "When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. **20** When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. **21** When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. **22** And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

**1** "If there is a dispute between men, and they come to court, that the judges may judge them, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked, **2** then it shall be, if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows. **3** Forty blows he may give him and no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight.

## 9th Commandment Section of Exodus Case Laws, Chapter 23 - Justice for All

A. 1 "You shall not circulate a false [empty] report.

B. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an **unrighteous witness**.

C. 2 You shall not follow a crowd to do evil;

D. nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to **pervert justice**.

E. 3 You shall not show partiality to a **poor** man in his dispute.

F. 4 If you meet **your enemy's** ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5 If you see the donkey of **one who hates you** lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.

E'. 6 You shall not **pervert the judgment** of your **poor** in his dispute.

D'. 7 Keep yourself far from a false matter;

C'. do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked.

B'. 8 And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and **perverts [overthrows] the words of the righteous**.

A'. 9 Also you shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

## 9th Commandment References in Leviticus 19

Verses 11,12 – Steal, lie, deceive, swear falsely – Commandments 8 and 9

11 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. 12 **And you shall not swear by My name falsely**, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

Verses 15,16 – Justice in the Court – Commandment 9

15 **You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty.** In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

Verse 32 – Respect of the Elderly and Fear of God – Commandment 5

Verses 33,34 Justice to the Stranger – Commandment 9 (Vex - Ex. 23:9)

33 'And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. 34 **The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.**

Verses 35,36 – Honest Measures – Commandment 10 (Dt. 25:13-15)

35 **'You shall do no injustice in judgment**, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. 36 You shall have honest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Verse 37 – Guard All My Statutes - Summary

## Notes

1. Confidentiality and Corroboration (2/3 "Witnesses")
2. The Requirement of Witness
3. The Law of Equivalence and the Reduction of False Matters in Court
4. Bribes, Crowds, and Our Incipient Weakness
5. The Ninth and Fourth Words in Exodus 23
6. The 9th Word and Assisting the Worthy Poor  
Love INC Surveys
7. The Perversion of Justice
8. Remember THE Judge
9. The Power of Your Tongue and Hands
10. Jesus the Faithful and True Witness

