

Genesis 4:3-8

The Tenth Word: Covetousness and Envy

Sermon Notes for November 6, 2011 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

You shall not **covet** [that is, things of greater value, e.g. wisdom] your neighbor's wife;
and you shall not **desire** [that is, of things of lesser value e.g. "delight to eyes"]
your neighbor's house, his field,
his male servant, his female servant,
his ox, his donkey,
or anything that is your neighbor's.'

Intro - Ps. 73:23-26; , 2-4; 27, 17-19; Sinful Coveting - Train the Brain or Greed and/or Envy Result
Evil Covetousness, Jealousy, Envy; Greed; Establishment of Private Property

- I. Getting the Picture - Biblical Portrayals of Envy
 - A. Old Testament Examples
 - 1. Able and Cain - Gen. 4:3-8
 - 2. Isaac and the Philistines - Gen. 26:11-23
 - 3. Joseph and his Brothers - Gen. 37:8-20; Acts 7:9
 - 4. Eldad, Medad and Joshua for Moses - Num. 11:26-29
 - 5. Hannah and Peninnah - 1 Sam. 1:2-8
 - 6. David and Saul - 1 Sam. 18:6-12
 - 7. A Good Mother and a Bad Mother - 1 Kings. 3:16-28
 - B. New Testament Examples
 - 1. Jesus and the Pharisees - Mat. 27:18
 - 2. The Apostles and the Jews - Acts 5:16-18; 13:44,45; 17:4-6
- II. Wising Up - Envy and the Wisdom Literature of the Bible
 - A. Proverbs 3:28-30; 14:21,22,30; 21:10; 24:17-20; 27:4
 - B. Ecclesiastes 4:4
 - C. James 3:14-17
- III. Rubber on the Road: Biblical Teaching on Envy Applied to Our World
 - A. Envy and Egalitarianism
 - B. Envy and Revolution
 - C. Envy and Slander
 - D. Covetousness, Envy and Politics
- IV. Cures for Envy
 - A. Submission to God's Property Rights
 - B. Appreciation of God's Unequal Giftings
 - C. Contentment (with Thanksgiving) with One's Own Giftings
 - D. Thanksgiving for God's World
 - E. Confession of our Sin
 - F. Seeking the Advancement of our Neighbor
 - G. Prayer for our Adversaries
 - H. Salvation by Grace, not Environment

Children's Activity for Sermon on Envy

1. ____ ____ ____ is our very great reward.
2. Is it wrong to desire things?
3. Sinful coveting says "I want ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ that God gave to you and I will try to take them.
4. Greed says "I always want ____ ____ ____ ____ things."
5. Envy says "I want things that God gave to you, but I can't have them, so I will ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ them or you.
6. Out of envy, Cain ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ Abel, his brother.
7. Out of envy, the Philistines ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ up Isaac's wells.
8. Out of envy, Joseph's brothers planned to ____ ____ ____ ____ him.
9. Out of envy, Joshua tried to ____ ____ ____ ____ men from speaking God's Word.
10. Out of envy, King Saul threw a ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ at David.
11. Out of envy, an evil mother wanted to have another mother's ____ ____ ____ ____ killed.
12. Because they could never be as good as Jesus, the ____ ____ ____ ____ had Pilate kill him.
13. Envy ____ ____ ____ ____ our bones.
14. We should be thankful for other people's ____ ____ ____ ____ ____.
15. We should ____ ____ ____ ____ for our enemies.