

NINTH COMMANDMENT – Part 4

8/13/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)
 - Title – “Ninth Commandment – Part 4”
 - Part 1 – False witness in a legal setting
 - Part 2 – Matthew 5:38-42
 - Part 3 – 5 Biblical examples of dealing with false witnesses
 - Part 4 – The Son of God dealt with false witnesses
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- Foundational scripture

Exod. 20:2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”

- Ninth Commandment

Exod. 20:16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”

- Pharisees & lawyers accused Him – because He was a friend of sinners (also, Matthew 11:18-19)

Luke 7:33 John the Baptist did not come eating and drinking – “He has a demon”
34 Son of God came eating and drinking (in moderation) and they said:
 “a glutton, a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners”

- The scribes & Pharisees – set traps for Him

Luke 11:53-54 began to assail Him vehemently – cross-examine Him about many things
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 lying in wait for Him – seeking to catch Him – to accuse Him

- The scribes & Pharisees – brought a woman of adultery to Him

John 8:5 “Moses in the law commanded us . . . what do You say?”
6 testing Him – that they might have something of which to accuse Him.

- They accused Him of gaining power from Beelzebub (ruler of the demons) (also, Matthew 9:34, Matthew 10:25, Mark 3:22 & Luke 11:15-19)

Matt. 12:24 “He casts out demons by Beelzebub (the ruler of the demons)”

- The Pharisees criticized Him – because He healed on Sabbath
 - Matt. 12:9-10 synagogue – “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” – might accuse Him
 - Mark 3:2 watched Him closely – heal on Sabbath – so that they might accuse Him
 - Luke 6:7 watched Him closely – heal on Sabbath – find accusation against Him
- “Breaking the Sabbath” and blasphemy (“being equal with God”)
 - John 5:16 Jews persecuted & sought to kill Him – healed on the Sabbath
 - 17 “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working”
 - 18 therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him – because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father – making Himself equal with God
 - John 10:28-31 “I and My Father are one” – they took up stones to stone Him again
 - 33 we do not stone you for a good deed – we stone you for blasphemy – because you being a Man make Yourself God
- Taken to Caiaphas – accusing Him of blasphemy – (also, Mark 14:53-64)
 - Matt. 26:57 they led the Son of God to the high priest (Caiaphas) – scribes and elders
 - 59 chief priests, elders and council – sought false testimony against the Son of God – to put Him to death
 - 60-61 initially, found none – many false witnesses came forward – (but their testimonies did not agree, Mark 14:56) – finally, 2 false witnesses came forward to accuse Him – (they heard Him say about “destroy the temple of God and build it in three days” – from John 2:19-21)
 - 62-64 at first, He didn’t answer questions – then, He finally talked
 - 65 high priest: “He has spoken blasphemy! We no longer need witnesses”
 - 66 they (the council) – “He is deserving of death”
- Taken to Pilate – (also, Mark 15:3 – Luke 23:10 – John 18:28-30)
 - Matt. 27:11 He stood before the governor – “Are You the King of the Jews?”
 - 12-13 accused by the chief priests and elders – He answered nothing
 - Luke 23:1-2 they led Him to Pilate – “forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar”
 - 10 the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him
 - John 18:28 they led Him from Caiaphas to Pilate
 - 29 Pilate asked – “What accusations do you bring against this man?”
 - 30 “if He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you”
- The inscription on the cross
 - Matt. 27:37 over His head the accusation – “This Is Jesus the King of the Jews”
 - Mark 15:26 inscription of His accusation was written above: “The King of the Jews”