

NINTH COMMANDMENT – Part 1

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Ninth Commandment – Part 1”
 - Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)
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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”

- Here is my plan to discuss the Ninth Commandment
- I plan to take 5 Bible studies to cover the Ninth Commandment
- Proverbs 19:5, 9 – mention 2 major concepts about Ninth Commandment

Prov. 19:5 a false witness will not go unpunished – he who speaks lies will not escape
9 a false witness will not go unpunished – he who speaks lies shall perish

- First major concept – False witness in a legal setting
 - Second major concept – Speaking lies in general
 - 5 subdivisions – within the 2 overall concepts
 - Part 1 – False witness in a legal setting
 - Part 2 – Matthew 5:21-26 and Matthew 5:38-42
 - Part 3 – Examples of dealing with false witnesses
 - Part 4 – Speaking lies in general
 - Part 5 – The amazing story of Rahab
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- Ninth Commandment – Part 1

1. False witness in a legal setting

Exod. 23:1 do not circulate a false report – do not be an unrighteous witness
2 do not testify in a dispute – to pervert justice
3 you shall not show partiality to a poor man in his dispute
Prov. 19:28 disreputable witness – scorns justice

Prov. 24:28 do not be a false witness against your neighbor
 29 do not say – “I will do to him just as he has done to me”
 Prov. 25:18 he who bears false witness against his neighbor – is like a club, a sword
 and a sharp arrow
 Zech. 8:17 let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor – and do not
 love a false oath
 Deut. 19:15 one witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin
 that he commits – by the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses shall the matter
 be established

· In the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses

Num. 35:30 whoever kills a person – the murderer shall be put to death on the
 testimony of witnesses – one witness is not sufficient testimony
 against a person for the death penalty
 Deut. 17:6 whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of 2
 or 3 witnesses – he shall not be put to death on the testimony of
 one witness
 7 the hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death
 – afterwards, the hands of all the people
 Matt. 18:16 Son of God – take with you 2 or 3 witnesses, that by the mouth of 2 or 3
 witnesses every word may be established
 John 8:17 Son of God – it is written in your law that the testimony of 2 men is true
 2 Cor. 13:1 Paul – by the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses every word shall be established
 1 Tim. 5:19 do not receive an accusation against an elder, except from 2 or 3 witnesses
 Heb. 10:28 anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony
 of 2 or 3 witnesses

· Now, back to Deuteronomy 19:16-21

Deut. 19:16-17 if a false witness rises against any man to testify against him about
 wrongdoing, then both men in the controversy shall stand before
 the Lord, before priests and the judges who serve in those days
 18-19 the judges shall make careful inquiry – if the witness is a false witness
 (who has testified falsely against his brother), then you shall do to
 him as he intended to have done to his brother – so you shall put
 away the evil from among you
 20 and those who remain shall hear and fear – and hereafter, they shall not
 again commit such evil among you
 21 your eye shall not pity – life shall be for life – eye for eye, tooth for tooth,
 hand for hand, foot for foot

· Now would be a good time for you to study Matthew 5:21-26 and Matthew 5:38-42
 · We will look at those passages – next time