

NINTH COMMANDMENT – Part 5

8/20/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)
 - Title – “Ninth Commandment – Part 5”
 - 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
 - Part 5 – The story of Rahab is an exception
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 - If the story of Rahab is an exception, what is the rule?
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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”
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- General understanding – disciples should not lie
- Prov. 6:16-19 these 6 things God hates – 7 things that are an abomination to Him
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| · Proud look | Humble outlook |
| · Lying tongue | Truthful tongue |
| · Hands that shed innocent blood | Hands to help the guilty |
| · Heart that devises wicked plans | Caring heart with righteous purposes |
| · Feet swift to run to evil | Feet swift to edification |
| · A false witness who speaks lies | True witness |
| · One who sows discord among brethren | Sowing peace and unity |
- John 8:44 “he is a liar and the father of it”
- Rev. 2:2 you cannot bear those who are evil – you have tested those who say they are apostles (and are not apostles) – and have found them liars
- Rev. 21:8 8 characteristics – shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone (which is the second death) – 8th item = “all liars”

Rev. 21:27	3 characteristics – shall by no means enter it [the future temple] – 3 rd item = “causes a lie”
Rev. 22:15	6 characteristics – shall be outside the city – 6 th item = “whoever loves and practices a lie”
	· Notice the exception of Rahab
Heb. 11:31	by faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe – when she had received the spies with peace
James 2:18-26 25	James gave 2 examples – (Abraham in verses 21-24 & Rahab in verse 25) second = Rahab – “was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works [behavior] when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?”
Josh. 2:1	Joshua sent out two spies – to spy secretly – “go, view the land, especially Jericho” – so they went Rahab’s house, and lodged there
2	the king of Jericho heard about it – “behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country”
3	the king of Jericho sent a message to Rahab: “bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country”
4	Rahab hid the two men – (verse 6 said “she took them up to the roof”)
4-5	4 comments · men came to me, but I did not know where they were from · when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men left · I don’t know where the men were going · pursue them quickly – you can catch them
8-11	Rahab said to the 2 men – the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath
12-13	I beg you, swear to me by the Lord – since I have shown you kindness, you will also show kindness to my father’s house to spare my family
14	men said – “our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours” – “when the Lord has given us this land, we will deal kindly and truly with you”
15	she let them down by a rope through the window
16	“go to the mountains”
17-20	Rahab and the men – established the terms of the oath
21	men said – “if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear”
22	they departed – went to the mountains for 3 days
Josh. 6:16-17	when the priests blew the trumpets – Joshua said that the city would be destroyed, but Rahab’s family would live – “because she hid the messengers that we sent.”
22-23	Joshua said to the 2 spies – bring Rahab & her family out of the house
25	Joshua spared Rahab & her family – because she hid the messengers