

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 5-8-22
Christianity 101 – Message 24 Part 11
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Our last commandment – “Thou shalt not steal”
- 2) Attitude toward money and possessions is reflected by 3 statements.
- 3) God is protecting your heart, your faith, your walk and your worship with this command.
- 4) Remember, as a believer, you are not your own. I Corinthians 6:19-20

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Since we know that anger, adultery, and stealing are no respecter of persons, does that mean that bearing false witness is as well?
- 2) Do we live in a world that to survive and be successful means you have to lie?

2. Consider first the commandment: Exodus 20:16

a. Did they miss anything this time?

- 1) Key words – “**false**” – untruth, deceit, false. “**witness**” – action with mouth or life. “**neighbor**” – associate, brother, companion, friend, spouse, neighbor.
- 2) The responsibility to be a witness of the truth at all times in all things.
- 3) Hebrew word for truth – “**emet**” – truth encompasses the first things, the last things and everything in between.

b. In the New Testament:

- 1) Jesus referenced it in Matthew 19:18
- 2) Paul referenced this in Romans 13

c. Moses gives the application: Deuteronomy 19:16-20

- 1) Verse 15 – God is after the truth – established in 2 or 3 witnesses
- 2) Everyone is a witness – thus -
- 3) Two things will always be true:
 - a) You will say what is true
 - b) What you say will be a lie

3. A practice that is far too common:

- a. They estimate the average person lies 50 times a day.
- b. The cost is always greater than we imagined!
- c. We should never forget:
 - 1) In Genesis 3, at the fall of man, Satan was bearing false witness against God.
 - 2) Look at what a lie can do.

4. What is God protecting with this command?

a. Your heart:

- 1) Proverbs 4:23-26 – “Keep thy heart with all diligence...”
- 2) The danger is disease –
- 3) The lie of Life –

b. Your fellowship:

- 1) Lying is sin that separates the believer’s fellowship with the Lord.
- 2) Lying is sin that separates the believer’s fellowship with others.
 - a) Colossians 3:9-10 –

c. Your Church:

- 1) I Corinthians 1:10 -11 –

- 2) Lying can create division and disrupt the Mission of the Church.
- d. Your worship:
 - 1) Is worship an event or a life?
 - 2) What if this gathering was the overflow of worship that you have enjoyed throughout the week? What would be different?
 - 3) Remember Jeremiah's question to the people who came to worship?
5. Today's Take Away:
 - a. Jeremiah 7:9-10 – How do you answer this question?