

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 5-15-22
Christianity 101 – Message 24 Part 12
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking a look back:
 - 1) “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” – God is after the truth!
 - 2) “emet” – Truth encompassing the first things, the last things and everything in between.
 - 3) What is the greatest lie – bearing false witness – you could ever tell?
 - b. Taking look ahead:
 - 1) A real-life story to think about as we consider this last command.
2. Consider the Commandment: Exodus 20:17
 - a. What do you see?
 - b. Di they miss anything this time?
 - 1) Key words – “covet and “anything”
 - a) “Covet” – to lust for or long for with great desire something that is not yours. Also, a longing to have far more that we deserve or need.
 - b) “anything” – literally coveting can be focused on anything.
 - c. A problem with the mind and heart:
 - 1) God has been trying to get Israel to take a look within.
 - 2) This is a hard place to go. It exposes us, it hurts us and it can embarrass us but it is what ultimately frees us.
 - 3) Solomon’s wisdom – Proverbs 23:7 –
 - 4) The battle faces the believers and unbeliever alike. Believers are blessed to have God’s Spirit.
 - 5) Coveting is the selfish approach to life and the root of our sins
 - 6) James 1:12-15
 - a) Temptation attacks your lust!
 - b) Where di this start from?
 - 7) James 4:1-2 –
 - d. Plenty of examples to consider:
 - 1) Eve in the Garden; Lot; Jacob; Achan; David; Judas -
3. What is God protecting by this command?
 - a. Your Heart:
 - 1) Proverbs 4:23 –
 - 2) Proverbs 23:7 –
 - 3) Isaiah 14:12-15 –
 - 4) The danger of coveting is that it will destroy your heart toward God.
 - b. Your fellowship:
 - 1) Protecting your heart toward God and toward others.
 - 2) Coveting is destructive to relationships.
 - 3) If your relationship is about what you can get rather than what you can give, then your fellowship with other believers is based upon the wrong motive.
 - c. Your Church:
 - 1) Coveting is the cultural mindset of our day!
 - 2) Money and possession are difficult to not let control you.
 - a) I Timothy 6:3-10 –
 - b) Doctrine of godliness?
 - d. Your Worship:
 - 1) Colossians 3:5 – What does Paul say covetousness is?

- 2) The commandments reveal our hearts.
 - 3) We are to follow Christ – Disciple
 - a) Being a disciple involves the old man passing away and the new man being revealed.
 - b) If that change has stopped in your life it may be an issue of covetous.
 - 4) As a believer, who am I to seek?
 - 5) As a believer, who am I to desire?
 - 6) “Covetous people will break all of God’s commandments in order to satisfy their desires, because at the heart of sin is the sin in the heart.” Warren Weirsbe.
4. Today’s Take Away:
- a. Three important questions to answer as we wrap up the commandments.