



## **The Ten Commandments**

### ***“Just a Little Bit More”***

**Exodus 20:1-17**

This week, we wrap up our study of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. I hope you have learned several things on our journey through God’s moral law. First, apart from God there is no way you and I can obey the Ten Commandments. They are simply too demanding. They require perfect motivations, perfect behavior, and perfect continuance in obedience. Second, as a redeemed child of God, born again by the Spirit, you can make progress in obeying the Ten Commandments. They show you how to live in ways that honor God, spread the gospel, and bless other people. And third, the Ten Commandments reveal Jesus Christ to your heart. Jesus obeyed the law perfectly and continually. His obedience more than makes up for your disobedience. If you have put your hope and trust in Jesus, you are as righteous as he is, thanks to the great exchange that took place on Calvary. So when you disobey, run to the cross and believe that Jesus’ blood and righteousness are your beauty, your glorious dress.

Let’s finish our study by focusing on the tenth commandment, “You shall not covet.”



## **KNOWING GOD**

**Read Exodus 20:17.** In your own words, what does God forbid in the tenth commandment?

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Now state the command positively. To what positive good is God calling us in the tenth commandment?

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**Read Romans 7:7-13.** What did the tenth commandment do for the Apostle Paul?

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What does the tenth commandment reveal about God?

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## **GROWING TOGETHER**

What effect does the tenth commandment have upon you?

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Read Philippians 4:10-13. How did Paul fight the sin of coveting?

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John D. Rockefeller was once asked how much money it would take to make him happy. His reply: "Just a little bit more." What do you sometimes run to besides Jesus to find happiness and contentment?

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## **SERVING OTHERS**

Suppose your neighbor or friend owns something you desperately wish you had. What should you do about that?

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In Matthew 6:20, Jesus tells us to store up our treasure in heaven rather than here on earth. What would it look like for you to radically lay up treasures in heaven? How would this help you obey the tenth commandment?

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## **IN YOUR FAMILY...**

- a) As a family, read Mark 10:17-22. Jesus is speaking with a rich young man and quotes from the second "table" of the law (i.e., commandments five through ten). But he leaves out the tenth commandment. Why do you suppose he did that? How does the rest of the story complete the picture?
- b) Go around the family circle and admit one or two things you sometimes covet. Then talk about this experience: Was it hard to admit your sin? Why or why not? How can you stop coveting and become content with who you are and what you have?

# **SERMON NOTES**