

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“No Stealing” – Exodus 20:15

I. Review.

A. Commandments are divided into two categories.

1. Four relate directly to God.
2. Six relate directly to man.
 - a. Yet, even the six indirectly involve our relationship to God.

B. Jesus’ summation – Matthew 22:35-40

1. When we disobey, we convey our lack of love for God.
2. Correspondence to Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:5.
3. Normal Rockwell.

II. Introduction

A. Problem of ethics in Russia.

1. There is a desire for the Ten Commandments.

B. Exodus 20:15 – Four clear words!

C. Old Testament requires restitution for stolen property.

1. Definition:
 - a. Ex. 21:22; 22:1, 32-35; Lev. 24:18; Deut. 22:19
2. This provision of the Law shows that not only is God concerned about punishing the g_____, but is also concerned about the v_____.
 - a. Alluded to in the New Testament – Luke 19:8
3. Thomas Watson – “The Itch”
4. God’s word on the subject.
 - a. Lev. 19:13; Mark 10:19; Eph. 4:28.

III. Close look at stealing.

A. The razor’s edge.

1. A dull knife or finely honed razor blade.
 - a. Hebrews 4:12-13

B. Subtle forms of theft:

1. I_____ T_____ F_____
 - a. Can your reputation survive a S_____ C_____ I_____
2. Not working a F_____ day for a F_____ day’s wage.
 - a. Long coffee breaks.
 - b. “Perfunctory” work.
 - c. Note Law of Categories: Westminster Larger Catechism #99
 - d. John Calvin
3. Not P_____ Y_____ D_____.
 - a. Keep in mind Romans 13:8
 - b. Quaker’s story.
 - c. Jesus on your word – Matthew 5:33-37
4. C_____ I_____ S_____
 - a. Harvard University.
 - b. James Boice.
5. R_____ G_____
 - a. Malachi 3:6-10
 - b. Give to get
6. Holding back G_____ and T_____ from use in the K_____
 - a. I Corinthians 6:19-20
 - b. You are not your own.

IV. Points for Reflection

A. Every theft is an assault on God’s providence for others.

B. The bottom line – Why do people steal?

1. It is a distrust of God, or an evil desire for more than what God has provided.

- a. Hebrews 13:5

C. All property is given by God as a sacred trust to look after the one true Sovereign’s possession.

1. Calvin on stewardship mantle given to man – Gen. 2:15.

D. Are you stealing? How clean is your conscience?

1. Bill Hybels
2. Chuck Swindoll
3. Paul on concern for others: Philippians 2:4