

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 12: Coveting

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Keep the Desires of the Heart Pure

91. What does God forbid in these two commandments?

*Micah 2:1-2 Luke 20:46-47 Isaiah 5:8 Joshua 7:1-21 Matthew 14:3-4 2 Samuel 15:2-6
1 Kings 21:1-16*

The explanation to the Ninth Commandment says that we should not obtain our neighbor's property by a "show of right." What does that mean?

92. How do the Ninth and Tenth Commandments serve as a mirror, unmasking the sin of coveting within our hearts? *Romans 7:7-8 James 4:1-2 1 Timothy 6:9-10
Mark 7:21-22*

93. How might coveting lead to other sins?

*James 1:14-15 Genesis 3:6 1 Timothy 6:10 Deuteronomy 27:17 James 5:5-6
2 Samuel 11:1-17*

94. How do we know that our sins against the Ninth and Tenth Commandments are also forgiven? *Hebrews 4:15 1 John 3:5 1 Corinthians 15:3 Hebrews 9:26*

95. Why can we say that contentment is a gift from God?

Psalms 145:15-16 Ecclesiastes 2:24 1 Timothy 6:6-7 Proverbs 3:5-6 Psalm 37:25

96. How do the Ninth and Tenth Commandments serve as a guide for our daily lives?
Luke 12:15 1 Timothy 6:8 1 Peter 1:14-16 Genesis 13:1-12 Genesis 14:1-24
Genesis 39:6-8 Hebrews 13:5 Colossians 3:5 Philippians 2:4

1 Kings 21:1-16

1. What sins were committed as a result of Ahab's coveting?

2. Imagine that you are Ahab. What could you have done to stop the sins that led to Naboth's death?

3. Imagine that you are Jezebel. What could you have done to stop the sins that led to Naboth's death?

4. What can you do to fight against the sins in your own heart?

For further discussion...

5. How might this commandment speak more directly to "pious" people?

Recommended memory work: The Ninth and Tenth Commandments