

An Honest Tongue

The Ninth Commandment

Deuteronomy 5:20

Main Idea

We worship God and love others by speaking truthfully.

How Truthful Speech Worships God

Truth reflects
God's character

Truth confronts
Satan's lies

Truth blesses
others

Truth reveals Jesus
Christ

Introduction: The Importance of Truth

Twelve Angry Men illustration

Truth exists

Truth is worth pursuing

Isaiah 5:20

Redemptive Context

Deuteronomy 5:6

Grace precedes obedience

God redeemed Israel before giving the Law

Purpose of the Law

John Calvin

Guide

Restraint

Mirror

Galatians 3:24

Understanding the Ninth Commandment

Deuteronomy 5:20

False witness

Gossip

Slander

Deception

Twisting the truth

Truth Reflects God's Character

Hebrews 6:18

1 John 5:20

John 14:6

Truth Confronts Satan's Lies

John 8:44

Ephesians 2:2

Revelation 12:9

Truth Blesses Others

James 3:5-10

The tongue is powerful

Speech can destroy or bless

What the Commandment Forbids

False witness

Misrepresenting others

Gossip

Slander

Rash judgment

Deception

What the Commandment Requires

Love the truth

Speak the truth

Confess the truth

Defend your neighbor's reputation

Truth Reveals Jesus Christ

1 Peter 2:22-24

No deceit found in Christ

He perfectly fulfilled the law

The Gospel

Christ lived the life we failed to live

Christ died for our sins

Romans 10:13

Practical Applications

Desire Trusts God. Devotion obeys God. And delight worships God.

Ephesians 4:25 - Spouses, speak truthfully to each other, prioritizing honest and transparent communication for the glory of God

Proverbs 11:13 - Singles, be honest in your conversations with other friends, seeking to maintain the reputation of others and avoiding gossip

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - Parents, teach your children the truth of God's word and daily lead them to worship God

Practical Applications

Ephesians 6:1 - Kids, honor and respect your parents by telling the truth

Colossians 3:23 - Employees and students, do your work honestly, never lying or taking the credit for someone else's work

Ephesians 4:15 - Church members, when confronted with sin, be honest and repent. When you see sin in someone else's life, do not spread rumors, but obey the teaching of Matthew 18 and go to that person privately and graciously. May we always seek to speak the truth in love

Practical Applications

1 Timothy 4:16 - Elders, uphold the truth in the teaching of God's Word. Guard your life and your doctrine for the sake of your sheep

Choose the Path of Truth

Repent. Believe. Speak the truth in love.

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