

***“O How Love I Thy Law!”
The Ninth Commandment
“He That Is True”
Exodus 20:16***

Introduction:

1. As We Return To Our:
 - Sunday Night Series:
 - On The Ten Commandments:
 - Let’s Turn Back In Our Bibles:
 - To The Giving Of God’s Moral Law:
 - In Exodus 20!
 - Where We Read:
 - 20:1-17 - “And God spake all these words, saying, / 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. / 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. / 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: / 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; / 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. / 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. / 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. / 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: / 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: / 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. / 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. / 13 Thou shalt not kill. / 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery. / 15 Thou shalt not steal. / 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. / 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s!”
2. We Find The:
 - Ninth Commandment:
 - There In 20:16 - Were We Are Told:
 - “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor!”
 - God Gives Us This Commandment:
 - First And Foremost:
 - Because God Is A God Of Truth!
 - And - Because Truth:
 - Is Part Of His Own Nature:
 - God Hates Lies!
 - In Fact - As We Saw From Proverbs 6:16:
 - “A False Witness That Speaketh Lies” Is:
 - An Abomination Unto The Lord!
3. So - What We Find:
 - In 2 Timothy 3:16 - Turns Out:
 - To Be True Once Again!
 - This Commandment Is Truly Profitable:
 - For Doctrine And For Reproof!
 - But - It Is Also Profitable:
 - For Correction!
 - Because - Whereas:
 - Truth Is An Inherent Part:
 - Of God’s Own Nature!
 - Lies Are An Inherent Part:
 - Of Our Fallen Nature!
 - Even As Jesus Said In John 8:44 - “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it!”

- Well - As We've Seen:
 - In Every Other Commandment So Far:
 - It Is The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - And - He Alone:
 - Who Can Correct Our Nature:
 - Of Lies - And Implant Within Us:
 - A Heart Of Truth!

* And - This Is Because:

1. *Jesus Is The Fulness Of Truth!*

- And We Can See This:
 - Because:
 - Truth Is Used To Describe Him!
 - In The Book Of John:
 - In John 14:5-6 - In Answer To:
 - A Question Posed To Him:
 - By Thomas:
 - "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"
 - How Did Jesus Respond?
 - "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me!"
- In This Special Verse:
 - The Word Jesus Uses:
 - For "Truth" - Is A Noun!
 - And It Equates:
 - Jesus Himself:
 - With Truth Itself!
- In A Sense:
 - Truth Defines:
 - Who Jesus Christ Is! And:
 - Jesus Defines:
 - What Truth Is!
- The Same Can Be Said:
 - About "Way" & About "Life" As Well!
 - But - Our Focus Tonight:
 - Is On Jesus:
 - As "The Truth!"
- Jesus Is Truth:
 - Because - Jesus Is God:
 - And God Is Truth:
 - As We Considered In Our First Message On The Ninth Commandment!
 - And So - Like We Said About God:
 - All That Jesus:
 - Ever Said & Ever Did:
 - Was The Truth!
 - And - What Is Truth?
 - Truth Refers To:
 - What Is Real:
 - And What Is Certain!
- And Truth Became:
 - A Prominent Focus:
 - In The Coming And Ministry:
 - Of Christ!
 - John 1:14 - "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth!"
 - John 1:17 - "For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ!"
- Albert Barnes:
 - "The Life, The Purity, The Teaching Of Jesus Christ Was The Most Complete And Perfect Representation Of The Things Of The Eternal World That Has Been Or Can Be Presented To

- Man!”
 - Jesus Is The Fulness:
 - Of Truth!
- But - Not Only Does:
 - Truth Define:
 - Who Jesus Is! Also:
- Truth Is Used To Describe Him!
 - In The First Chapters Of The Book Of Revelation:
 - Jesus Reveals Himself To John:
 - In All Of His Glorious Nature!
 - And - As John Writes:
 - To Each Of Seven Churches Of Asia:
 - Jesus Re-Introduces Himself:
 - In Some Special Ways!
 - In Revelation 3 - As The Apostle John Is Writing To:
 - “The Angel Of The Church In Philadelphia”:
 - This Is How Jesus Is Described:
 - Revelation 3:7 - “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth!”
 - According To This Verse:
 - Jesus Christ Is:
 - “He That Is True!”
 - Here - The Word “True” Is:
 - An Adjective - And It Describes The Pronoun:
 - “He” - Which Undoubtedly Refers To Jesus!
 - And There Are Many Ways:
 - “True” Is Used To Describe Jesus!
 - So That - Not Only Is He:
 - The Fulness Of Truth!
 - Also:

2. ***Jesus Is The Fulfilment Of Truth!***

- We Will Look At:
 - Four Different Ways:
 - Jesus Is Described As:
 - “True” - From The New Testament!
- According To:
 - 1 John 5:20:
 - Jesus Is The “True God!”
 - “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life!”
 - Jesus Is The True God!
 - This Means - As We Saw Earlier:
 - That Jesus Possesses:
 - The Character Of Truth:
 - In His Own Divine Person!
 - He Is True:
 - In His Existence:
 - As God!
 - He Is The True & The Real God:
 - As Opposed To:
 - All Of Those Other “False & Fictitious & Fanciful” Deities:
 - That The World Tries To Come Up With!
 - **IE:** Marvel Comic Books / Movies - Entertaining As They May Be - They Refer To Ancient Nordic Mythology - Which Though They May Come From The Imagination Of Man, Yet They Are Derived From The Instigation Of The Devil!
 - But Not Jesus!

- He is The True God!
- He Is [Also] True:
 - In His Essence:
 - As God!
 - He Possess:
 - All Of The Attributes Of God:
 - In His Own Person!
- And That Is Why:
 - In Revelation 19:11 - The Apostle John Could Write:
 - “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war!”
- Jesus Is The True God!
- Also - According To:
 - John 1:9:
 - The Apostle John Describes Jesus Another Way:
 - “That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world!”
- Here - Jesus Is The True Light!
 - This Means:
 - That Jesus Himself Is:
 - The Communicator Of Truth!
 - **IE:** He Is Like A Beacon Of Light That Is Used By Mariners To Navigate The Channels And Reefs Along The Shore!
 - False Beacons Have Been Placed - By Enemies - To Either Deceive Or Destroy Their Opponents Ships!
 - Albert Barns - “A False Light Is One That Leads To Danger Or Error, As A False Beacon n The Shores Of The Ocean May Lead Ships To Quicksands Or Rocks!”
 - But - As The “True Light” - Jesus:
 - Is Real, Steady, Certain:
 - And Worthy Of Your Confidence And Trust!
 - So - His Light:
 - Will Truly Warn You:
 - About The Dangers:
 - That Are All Around You!
 - The Dangers:
 - Of This World, Of Your Flesh, And Of The Devil!
 - How Do You Respond To His True Light?
 - But Also - His Light:
 - Will Truly Welcome You:
 - To The Safe Shores Of Salvation:
 - That You Can Find Him Him!
 - How Have You Responded:
 - To His True Light?
- Jesus Is The True Light!
 - And You Ignore Him:
 - At Your Own Peril!
 - Even As Some Of The Jews In John 8:40, 45 - When Jesus Said To Them - “But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham!” / “And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not!”
 - Do Not Make The Same Mistake!
- Jesus Is The True Light!
- Then - According To:
 - Revelation 3:14 - In His Letter To:
 - The Laodicean Church:
 - Jesus Describes Himself As:
 - “The Faithful And True Witness!”
 - Jesus Is The True Witness!
 - This Means That:
 - Jesus Himself Is:

- The Confirmation Of Truth!
 - He Is Witness To:
 - The Author Of Truth!
 - In Jesus High-Priestly Prayer To His Father - In John 17:6-8 - He Prayed:
 - “I have manifested - As A Witness - thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. / Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. / For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me!”
 - Jesus Came To:
 - Testify That:
 - All That God Is:
 - Is Real And True!
 - He Is Witness To:
 - The Accuracy Of Truth!
 - When He Was Before Pontius Pilate:
 - John 18:37 - “Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice!”
 - Jesus Came To:
 - Testify That:
 - All That God Says:
 - Is Real And True!
 - He Didn't Come To:
 - Change What Is True - But:
 - To Confirm What Is True!
 - And He Did So:
 - Perfectly!
- Jesus Is The True Witness!
- Also - According To:
 - John 15:1 - Jesus Further Describes Himself As:
 - The “True Vine!”
 - “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman!”
 - This Means That:
 - Jesus Alone Is:
 - The Corrector With Truth:
 - Because He Is The Well-Spring Of Truth!
 - As The True Vine:
 - He Is The True Source:
 - Of “All Spiritual Blessings, And Exceeding Great And Precious Promises!”
 - He Is The True Source:
 - Of God's Favor!
 - John 1:14 - He Is:
 - “Full Of Grace And Truth!”
 - He Is The True Source:
 - Of God's Fruit!
 - John 15:2 - “Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit!”
 - John Gill:
 - “He Really And Truly Communicates Life, Sap, Juice, Nourishment, And Fruitfulness To The Several Branches Which Are In Him!”
 - Albert Barnes:
 - “Jesus Is The Source Of All Strength And Grace To His Disciples. He Is Their Leader And Teacher, And Imparts To Them, As They Need, Grace And Strength To Bear The Fruits Of Holiness!”
- Jesus Is The True Vine!
- And Jesus Can Be:

- Described In All Of These Ways:
 - Because - Jesus Himself:
 - Is Truth!

Conclusion:

1. Do You Know Jesus:
 - In This Way Today?
 - Do You Know Jesus:
 - As “The Way, ***The Truth***, And The Life?”
2. If Not:
 - Believe His Truth!
 - Don’t Make The Same Mistake:
 - As Those Jews In His Own Day!
 - Hear The Truth:
 - Of His Words:
 - And Heed Them!
3. But - If You Do Know Jesus:
 - As “The Truth” - Then:
 - Love Him:
 - As The “True God” Who:
 - Possesses The Character Of Truth!
 - Those Who Truly Love Truth:
 - Will Truly Love Him!
 - And Then:
 - Follow Him:
 - As The “True Light” Who:
 - Is The Great Communicator Of Truth!
 - Listen To Him & Learn From Him More & More!
 - Like Mary - Keep Sitting At His Feet To Hear His Truth!
 - And Then:
 - Believe Him:
 - As The “True Witness” Who:
 - Confirms The Truth To Us:
 - Through The Word & The Spirit Of God!
 - Don’t Doubt! And “Be Not Afraid, Only Believe!” (Mark 5:36)
 - And Then:
 - Depend On Him:
 - As The “True Vine” Who:
 - Will Correct Your Own Nature:
 - That Is Bent Away From:
 - His Truth!
 - John 15:4 - “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me!”
4. Never Forget:
 - Jesus Is The One!
 - It Is - “He That Is True!”

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