

**The 10th commandment penetrates into the inner man
and reveals our hearts like a spiritual CT Scan.**

- I. **The Final Commandment**
 - A. Definition
 - B. Its heinous nature
 - C. A slippery slope
 - D. Self-test
 - E. The antithesis of covetousness

- II. **Perfection or Bust**
 - A. Is perfection with regards to the law attainable
 - B. Not even the holiest of men
 - C. Our inability to keep the law should not stop us from trying

- III. **Sweeping in the Rain**
 - A. But what's the point?!!
 - B. Three uses of the law
 - C. Results of preaching the law
 - D. The end is near

Question 130:

What is the tenth Commandment?

Answer:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor his wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor anything that is his.

Question 131:

What does the tenth commandment forbid?

Answer:

That our hearts be moved by the least desire or cogitation against any commandment of God, but that we continually, from our heart, detest all sin and delight in all righteousness.

Question 132:

Can they who are converted to God observe and keep these commandments perfectly?

Answer:

No. Even the holiest men, as long as they live, have only small beginnings in obedience. Yet they begin with an unfeigned and earnest desire and endeavor to live not according to some, but all the commandments of God.

Question 133:

Why does God require His law to be preached exactly and severely, knowing that there is no man in this life able to keep it?

Answer:

First, that we increasingly acknowledge the great proneness of our nature to sin and heartily desire forgiveness and righteousness in Christ. Second, that we do this always and so implore and crave from the Father the grace of His Holy Spirit. It is by this grace that we may be renewed, day by day, to the image and likeness of God. Once we depart out of this life, we will attain to that joyful perfection which is promised to us.