Exodus 40 - Eighth Precept Stealing from Others and Yourself Exodus (Names) - Changing the World

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Eighth Precept

Stealing robs through subterfuge rather than direct force {murder} Subterfuge acts slyly

rather than directly, often with lying, its partner in deceit; these are different sides of same scroll



God - Grace

The Face of a Thief

- Ganab The Hebrew word for stealing and thief
- Means to take by stealth without violence, force
- Anyone can be a thief, everyone is a thief



Stealing Does Not Discriminate

- Thievery appropriates what belongs to another for one's own advantage
- Thievery is endemic to all cultures and ethnicities
- Thievery requires death, like all sin 0.1119



Thievery In Training

- The trait to steal is innate to everyone's sin nature
- Parents train children to be effective, undetected
- Therefore, everyone steals from each other: the lost and the sinning Christian



Basic Application of Precept

- Obviously the precept begins with personal property
- The implication is that the thief is one's neighbor
- One has the expectation of safety
 - The thief blends in, being hard to detect
 - The thief knows the property and the best time to steal

Advance Application of Precept

- By the time of the Axial Age (Age of the Prophets) thievery was expanded to include spiritual concepts
 - Absalom is described as stealing the hearts of men of Israel to lead an uprising against his father David 25: 15:0
 - Jeremiah discussed "false prophets" who steal God's words; that is, they claim to speak for God but speak for their own benefit at the expense of their listeners (1/25/00)

Synergy of Thievery and Lying

- Zechariah sees a flying scroll in a vision from God @ 5140
 - O The scroll contains God's words to punish perpetrators
 - One side of the scroll pronounces judgment on thieves
 - The other side pronounces judgement against liars
- Violations of the Law demanded expulsion from Israel; after returning from exile the provisions against the Law such as thievery and lying remained in effect

Jesus Expands This Precept

- Jesus teaches that the true application of this precept will focus one's attention Heavenward @##1920
 - One's focus should not be earthward as all one obtains can be stolen and profits no spiritual maturity
 - One should be developing Christ-likeness which follows one into eternity future
 - What you treasure: reveals your heart; whom you worship; what you believe – the source of your truth

The Worst Thievery of All

- Christ describes false teachers as worst thieves
- They come pretending to be Christ, stealing Gospel
- Their goal is to destroy the Gospel, scatter God's believers, and kill the lost



The First Thief

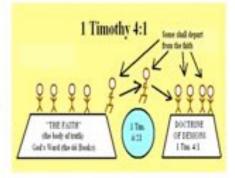
- Satan <u>stole</u> God's Word (meaning and context) from Woman, giving her a false truth (lie) in return (Section)
 - He was stealthy, crafty for he knew the truth, hating it
 - Woman voluntarily exchanged the truth of God for a lie
 - She acted on the lie and discovered death (spiritual)
- This is the first act of thievery in the Bible and resulted in death; therefore, stealing the truth is murder 0=840

False Teachers Follow their Master

- False teachers feed on those who reject God an sim
 - Last Days His ascension into Heaven until His return
 - People who love themselves, despise God (Sinners)
 - False teachers give people what they want lies
 - O The people reject God's truth for lies @0 10832
 - O They wander after myths, degrading themselves an 4340
 - O Their end is destruction are 2.14, jul 1.14, 8, 10, 16, 18:19; Re 20.01-19.

Reveals False Believers (1) 21 MI (1) 21 MI

- False teachers can stunt Christian maturity but not steal your salvation
- False teachers lead away those in churches who are not saved 06723-239
- Religions = false believers

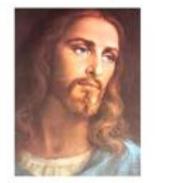


Allowed to Deceive Rejecters of Truth ark2.910





False Prophet and Prophetess





Gnosticism Infiltrates all Religions

- True deception blends all religions into a unity based on Gnosticism (Unity Through Discoving)
- Gnostic elements are in every religion awaiting its False Prophet, 2nd Beast (Re 13.0)



Summarization of Thievery

- The precept of stealing material objects only illustrates the more tragic form of stealing that robs one of truth
- Thieves are those who "appear" to be sources of truth but give people lies they want to believe are 210, juille 10
- All who believe the lie reject the truth as demonstrated in their downward degrading lifestyle, loving their sin (2762942)

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| 1 | Immature Christians Confused | |
| 0 | Christians cannot lose their salvation but they can stunt their development and receive recompense accesses They can suffer sickness or debility to "wake" them up They can suffer death as Jesus deems necessary accession | |
| 0 | The word of God is the best defense against the wiles of the devil and his false teachers applications are surged as the surged set of the set | |
| | Christian's Important Duty | |
| 0 | Each Christian has a very important duty to Jesus, others, and self Each of us must guard against becoming a thief 04(2)(3) Each of us will be tempted many times 0+10400 Each of us will want to control another's behavior 04(2)(3) We must discern the behavior of others while we ask Christ to change us more into His nature; otherwise, we sin by condemning others rather than ourselves 0+20400 | |
| J | udaism Failed – Our Example accessed | |
| 0 | Judaism sought to justify itself by its behavior 06.24720 Yet, their sinfulness rejected the truth of Scripture They were guilty of stealing God's word 0.4 540440 Thus, they killed their Messiah who confronted them | |
| 0 | Yet, God's mercy and grace will bring them and us together in His New Covenant – Amen (80 11/18 11/14) | |
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