

Ten Commandments (Part 21)  
(The Third Commandment – Part 4)

Exodus 20:7

→What does the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment prohibit?

Games of Chance

-Objection: “The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment prohibits the use of dice in games (a Brakel, WLC Q#110, 113, Voetius, Proverbs 16:33, mediate/immediate providence of God).

-Response:

I. The Biblical Doctrine of Divine Providence

-LCF 5:2, 3 (Divine Providence); 3:1 (God’s Decree)

-The outcome of rolling dice is determined by natural laws.

-God is involved in everything (Acts 17:28).

II. The Biblical Doctrine of Divine Revelation

-Hebrews 1:1, 2

-LCF 1:1

III. The Biblical Teaching About Casting Lots

-Numbers 26, 33, 36; Joshua 13:6; 21:3; 1 Samuel 14:41; Proverbs 1:14; 16:1, 33; Isaiah 34:17; Ezekiel 45:1; Mark 15:24; Acts 1

Practical Lessons

1) The Word of God, studied, interpreted, and applied, in prayerful dependence upon the HS, is the rule for making decisions.

2) Games are lawful, depending on a number of factors.

3) The glory of Christ ought to impact all our decisions and all our gaming in some way (1 Corinthians 10:31).