

## “Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness”

Topic – “Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor” (part 5)

Text – Exodus 20:16

Series – “The Commandments of the Lord”

### Why did God command His people to “not bear false witness”?

1. God hates \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 6:16-19)
2. God wants His people to be \_\_\_\_\_-bearers.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was and is a serious problem in society.

### I. The Principle – Purpose and meaning of the 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_
1. Humans are \_\_\_\_\_ by nature! (Psalm 116:11; Jeremiah 17:9-10; John 8:44)
  2. Sinners lack the \_\_\_\_\_ and resolve to speak the truth. (Romans 7:22-24)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of truth
    1. Truth defines God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Numbers 23:19; Deuteronomy 32:4; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 33:4; 100:5; John 17:17)
    2. \_\_\_\_\_ personified Truth. (John 14:6; 18:37)
    - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ application – “If we love our neighbor, we will not lie nor disparage his good name. (Psalm 15:2; 1 Samuel 12:24; Ephesians 4:15, 25)

### II. The Precept (Exodus 20:16)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ - A false witness deceives. (Exodus 20:16; Proverbs 12:17)

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a “false witness”

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a “false witness”

1. Deceptions (Proverbs 24:28; 12:17)
2. Slander (Proverbs 10:18; Psalm 101:5)
3. Outright lies (Proverbs 12:22)
4. Gossip and tale-bearing (1 Timothy 5:13; 1 Peter 4:15; Proverbs 11:13; 16:28)
5. Breaking vows

### III. Practical Biblical truths for overcoming a lying tongue and deceitful heart

- A. Accept that lying is a serious \_\_\_\_\_ against a holy God.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of lies and deceit. (Luke 22:61-62; Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 4:14-16)
- C. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ and tell the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 4:24-25)
- D. Be ready to \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 5:11-12, 14; 1 Peter 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:15-18)