Exodus #62 The Moral Law

Lesson #14 "No Lying Equals Love of the Truth" Exodus 20:16

- 1. Put God first.
- 2. Do not serve idols.
- 3. Revere His name.
- 4. Observe His day.
- 5. Respect your parents.
- 6. Don't murder humans.
- 7. Limit sex to marriage.
- 8. Don't steal.

Exodus 20:16

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Psalm 63:11

"¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him will glory, for the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped."

Psalm 101:7

"⁷ He who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who speaks falsehood shall not maintain his position before me."

Revelation 22:15

"¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying."

Proverbs 6:16-19

"¹⁶ There are six things which the LORD hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness {who} utters lies, and one who spreads strife."

John 14:6

"⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, <u>and the</u> <u>truth</u>, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.""

Isaiah 65:16

"¹⁶ Because he who is blessed in the earth shall be <u>blessed by the God of truth</u>; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the <u>God of truth</u>"

Romans 1:18

"¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness." The Humorous
The Helpful
The Harmful

Proverbs 18:7-8

^{••7} A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are the snare of his soul. ⁸ The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body." Thomas Watson: "It is usual to bring a Christian beheaded of his good name."

Psalm 15:1-3

"¹ O LORD, who may abide in Thy tent? Who may dwell on Thy holy hill? ² He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. ³ He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend."

Psalm 141:3

"Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips."

Luke 11:53-54

"⁵³ And when He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects, ⁵⁴ plotting against Him, to catch {Him} in something He might say."

<u>I Peter 2:21-22</u>

"²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth." God is concerned about truth because truthfulness is part of his being. Our lying is most often the result of trying to protect ourselves from the gaze of others, yet God sees us at all times. Honesty may be brutal, but lying can never be condoned when we use it to protect ourselves. We must live countercultural while striving to obey these commands.