Exodus #65 The Moral Law

Lesson #17 "No Coveting" – Part III Exodus 20:17 Combating covetousness in a world built upon <u>wants, rights</u>, and <u>pleasure</u>.

Exodus 20:17

"¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor." The Tenth Commandment makes explicit what the other commandments only infer – that is God requires <u>inward</u> as well as <u>outward</u> obedience. "This last commandment, then, is addressed not to those whom the world considers wicked rogues, but precisely to the most upright – to people who wish to be commended as honest and virtuous because they have not offended against the preceding commandments."

Romans 7:7,8a

"⁷ What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COVET.' ⁸ But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind."

The Grapes of Wrath

Matthew 6:21

"²¹ ... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

<u>I Timothy 6:10</u>

"¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

Question #80

What does the tenth commandment require?

Answer #80

The tenth commandment requires us to be completely satisfied with our own status in life and to have a proper, loving attitude toward others and their possessions.

I Timothy 6:6

"⁶ But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by <u>contentment</u>."

Hebrews 13:5a

^{••5} Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being <u>content</u> with what you have."

Philippians 4:11b-12

"^{11b} ... for I have <u>learned to be content</u> in whatever circumstances I am. ¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need."

Matthew 6:33

"³³ But <u>seek first His kingdom</u> and <u>His</u> <u>righteousness</u>, and all these things will be added to you." Thoughts we cannot control but meditation we can control.

Beware of the materialistic spirit of the age.

Our children will learn to desire the things we desire. Remember the words of Asaph.