

Reviewing the Last Five Commandments

Opening Prayer:

Lord Our God, As we reflect on Your last five commands – to keep our hearts pure, respect what belongs to others, speak truthfully, and guard against envy – fill us with integrity, contentment, and faithfulness. Holy Spirit, shape our desires and guide our words today. Help us to encourage one another with honesty, humility, and a longing to grow in love of You and neighbor. Amen.

Romans 12:9–21

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” Rather, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.” Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

The Last Five Commandments

1. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
2. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
3. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.
4. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR’S WIFE
5. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR’S GOODS.

Discussion Questions

Personal Growth

Which of the last five commandments stretched or surprised you the most, and what concrete change have you begun making because of it?

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Daily Practice

Since reviewing all of the commandments, what are some specific ways you have respected others in relationships, dealt with envy, or have guarded your speech? Where do you still feel invited to grow?

Love of Neighbor

How does living the last five commandments shape our practice of Jesus' command to "love your neighbor as yourself," and why are these disciplines still vital today?

Closing Prayer:

Lord God, We thank You for guiding our hearts as we reflected on Your last five commandments. Seal the truths we have shared: deepen our faithfulness in relationships, keep us honest and just in all our dealings, guard us from envy and selfish desire, and fill us with gratitude for the gifts You provide. Send us forth in peace, ready to live with integrity and love for You and our neighbor. Amen.

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