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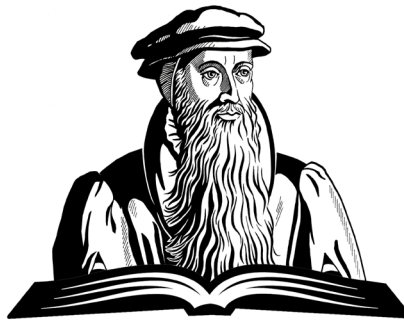
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The Ten Commandments:

Love from Within

Catechism Questions 79, 80, & 81



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Love from Within

Memorization

Question 79: *Which is the tenth commandment?*

Answer: *The tenth commandment is, “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s.”*

Question 80: *What is required in the tenth commandment?*

Answer: *The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.*

Question 81: *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

Answer: *The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. Love regarding our own.
3. Love regarding our neighbors.
4. Love that is sincere..
5. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define these words as they are used in this lecture.

a) Covet _____

b) Charitable frame of spirit _____

c) Inordinate _____

d) Discontentment _____

2. Summarize the main teachings from the answers to Questions 79, 80, & 81.

Lecture Checkup

1. What is full contentment? What does it include?

2. What is the ultimate reason for full contentment?

3. What are some practical instructions for our daily life concerning contentment? What does the Bible tell us about this?

4. Are we commanded to love our neighbor? If we love our neighbor, how will we respond when our neighbor receives good things? What does our response tell us about our love?

5. What does it mean, “envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour”? Why is this forbidden?

6. What does it mean, “all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his”? Why is this forbidden?

7. What should we do if we are in need of provisions for this life? What did the Lord Jesus teach us to do (Matthew chapter 6)?

8. What does this commandment address? What is the Lord forcing us to see in this commandment? How do we see this in the Apostle Paul’s confession in Romans chapter 7?

9. How do each of the ten commandments have an inward demand and an outward demand? What is the inward demand in the tenth commandment? What does it cause us to do?

10. According to the Bible, what is the essence of covetousness? Please explain your answer.

Further Studies

1. How may we attain contentment in our condition, when we abound in wealth and the good things of this life, or when we are in a time of poverty and affliction?

2. Where can we see this right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor and all that is his? How may we attain to such affections and dispositions towards our neighbor?

3. How does discontentment with our own estate show itself? How does discontentment arise? How may we be cured from that?

4. How may we be delivered from the sin of envy?

Practical Application

1. Examine yourself by asking, “Is my heart satisfied with what God has given to me, or do I grumble and complain against God? Is my heart glad when my neighbor receives good things from God, or do I grumble and complain?” How does God see this?

2. How does this commandment give us a glimpse into the work of Jesus Christ? What are the two ways that this truth should give us hope?

Project Ideas

To help you understand this topic better, we recommend that you read the book by Jeremiah Burroughs, *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*. You might read it with your friends or family members, and discuss it together.