

Commandment 9: Do not bear false witness **Exodus 20:16 & Deuteronomy 5:20**

Commandment nine forbids using your tongue for _____.
Gossip, slander, and lying should be understood as being forbidden under this commandment.

Gossip-The sharing of information about another (it could be true) with someone who does not need to know the information. The spreading of _____.

Slander-Evil talk against another with the desire to _____ another's reputation and good name.

Lying- A lie is more than simply an "un-truth." Rather a "lie" should be understood as "an _____ un-truth shared with others (or believed by oneself) for the purpose of either hurting another or gratify yourself."

The Covenant of works:

-Adam broke commandment 9 when he did not stop the _____ from Satan against the Lord and by believing those wicked words (and as a result all humanity is born with this same suspicion of/and enmity against God)

-Humans are by nature born with the same nature of Adam- they believe lies about God and _____ them

The Covenant of grace:

-In Christ we find not only a man who _____ used His words for evil but was the very embodiment of Truth

-Christian, resting on Christ's perfect life and atoning death and resurrection, strive to walk in love by not using your words in a malicious and self-serving ways but instead using your words for the glory of God and _____ of others

Helpful quotes

“In a broad sense, false witness covers many kinds of sins. In addition, witnessing itself has broader meanings. Israel bears witness of God’s nature and mighty deeds to the nations. Christians are Jesus’ witnesses. Jesus himself is the true witness of God, a witness for the truth.”

-John Frame, “The Doctrine of the Christian Life”

“People love secrets-especially juicy, bad ones. There’s no faster way to make a friend than to find a mutual enemy. So, you being to talk about people.”

-Kevin DeYoung “The 10 Commandments”

“In this commandment is forbidden condemning or thinking basely of others, and so is wrongful suspicion, or evil surmising, and so also is rash, uncharitable, unjust judging of others.”

-Edward Fisher “The Marrow of Modern Divinity”

“The tongue which at first was made to be an organ of God's praise, is now become an instrument of unrighteousness. This commandment binds the tongue to its good behavior. God has set two natural fences to keep in the tongue, the teeth and lips; and this commandment is a third fence set about it, that it should not break forth into evil.

-Thomas Watson’s sermon “The ninth commandment”