

## **Commandment 10: Do not covet Exodus 20:17 & Deuteronomy 5:21**

Commandment ten forbids “the longing for or \_\_\_\_\_ to possess that which belongs to another.”

Reasons coveting is wrong (it is against God and your neighbor):

1. Covetousness flows from \_\_\_\_\_ and discontent is the belief that God has not provided enough or good enough for you
2. Covetousness is \_\_\_\_\_-it shows that we are not satisfied with God alone
3. Covetousness is not loving one’s neighbor-instead of \_\_\_\_\_ for how God has blessed others you desire to have what is theirs for yourself

### The Covenant of works:

-Adam broke commandment 10 when he became \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedly desired that which belonged to God. He thought God was keeping something “good” back from him.

-Humans are by nature born children of Adam (the first) with an attitude of discontent thinking that God is keeping “\_\_\_\_\_” things from them

### The Covenant of grace:

-Jesus Christ, our Lord, never coveted that which belonged to another. In Christ we see one who was perfectly content and \_\_\_\_\_ to the will and providence of the Father

-Christian, resting on Christ’s perfect life and atoning death and resurrection, strive to be content remembering that in Christ, God truly has given you what is \_\_\_\_\_ and all that you \_\_\_\_\_

## Helpful quotes

**“We need to recognize that what God has provided is enough and to be thankful for it. If we are truly satisfied by God’s provision, we will not covet. And how can we be dissatisfied with God’s provision, considering His infinite wisdom and His love for us in Christ?”**

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

**“The Bible says our problem is not that we desire things but that we desire the wrong things or desire good things in the wrong way... We want fleeting worldly pleasures. But God doesn’t say to us, ‘Shame on you for wanting things.’ He says, ‘I can give you something better and more lasting than all the worlds trivial trinkets.’”**

-Kevin DeYoung “The 10 Commandments”

**“A Christian can find contentment in any circumstance if Christ Himself be his cherished possession.”**

-Philip Simpson from preface of “Contentment, Prosperity, and God’s glory”-sermons by Jeremiah Burroughs

**“It is a subtle sin, a sin that many cannot so well discern in themselves; as some have the scurvy, but do not know it. This sin can dress itself in the attire of virtue...It is a sin that wears a cloak, it cloaks itself under the name of frugality. It has many pleas and excuses for itself; more than any other sin: as providing for one's family. The more subtle the sin is, the less discernible it is.”**

-Thomas Watson’s sermon “The tenth commandment”