

The Ninth Commandment *Thou shalt not bear false witness...*

Bear: Produce, bring forth (Ex 23:1-2).

To convey: To carry as a carrier of false information (Pr 17:4).

To support a false notion, to support or sustain a lie — as a witness to others of its authenticity. To entertain a lie and support and sustain it without putting it to naught, but passing it on by your support — and your ears took it in. Bear is *to give birth to* as a lie is given birth to. *To carry on or maintain*. To bear a part in a conversation of evil lips. *To endure* the reproach of a conscience which knows the spirit that is being passed on to you *but you* bear it or endure its reproach and fall into condemnation.

Busybodies: Pr 20:3; 20:17; 1 Ths 4:11; 2 Ths 3:11; 1 Tim 5:13; 1 Pet 4:15.

Ex 20:16 — This commandment which all those who are chosen and in the New Covenant, being the seed of Abraham and the seed of David, in the seed of Messiah by baptism, being clothed in Him and therefore drinking out of the cup of the New Covenant, the blood which ratified it, have in their hearts and live by this law. It is the law of LOVE for your neighbor and for God. This commandment has a double purpose or intention. 1) It guards the reputation of the brother or sister who is loved within Israel against the one who has not the *greatest* commandment in their heart; and 2) It guards you who keep it against the snare of the devil (Eph 4:26-27).

Mt 22:39 — By having the law in the human heart, the door is closed against what would cause division in the body of Messiah — unworthy men who are not entering the kingdom of heaven and have a spirit to keep others out also, a spirit that hates, not loves, their brother. They hate not only the one they are bearing the false witness against, but also, in the subtlety of Satan, the one who is hearing the false report. The witness judged was a false witness. Jn 6:70 — Satan is the father of all false witnesses. You can't drink out of two cups at the same time. The blood of the cup of the New Covenant is not the blood of the guilt of a slandered brother or sister — a brother murdered by slander, anger against a brother — *with or without cause*. A false report causes or gives birth to anger against a brother without a cause.

Reputation is a great value to those who desire to live in the government of God. Remember where you live, where you dwell.

The New Covenant heart guards the church invincibly from division — undoing the works of Satan, guarding against any missile and fiery darts of the evil one by unworthy men who might seek to enter in by false testimony. The New Covenant heart closes the door of opportunity against division in the least. Fellowship is maintained by the law of God in the heart of the New Covenant participant, a participant in the blood and body of the Lord. Reputation is of great value in Messiah and the only shame that can enter into this new covenant is the *shame of sin*. People outside of the Covenanted Community, outside of the government of God, are ashamed of failure, poverty, being little or unknown. But no one is poor, little or unknown in the government of God.

Those who are poor are enriched by the grace of God in the love of their brothers and sisters. Those who are little are lifted up. Those who are unknown are known by God and His people. Reputation is the estimate, the value, the appreciation which others form of the other.

The Sovereign Yahshua lost His life through the sin against which this commandment is directed — a false witness. He was despised and rejected of men. Let it never be that anyone should be despised and rejected in the slightest by a spirit of bearing false witness. But whenever it happens, the one who is false accused is blessed. God cares and vindicates the reputation of His own. At the moment of temptation this law in the heart of the New Covenant one guards against this injustice. His reputation is guarded by this unbending requirement and for those who love His law there will be the power of the Holy Spirit giving the grace to refrain from this evil spirit whenever it approaches. This evil spirit as spoken of in Jn 10:10 robs, kills, and destroys a man's reputation, and the *moist and the dry* alike are swept away by a false notion, a false witness, a false report, a false opinion, a prejudiced judgment, a mis-judgment.

Someone gave birth to this false witness. All liars will have their part in the lake of fire. There have been many who have been driven away by false witness. Woe to the man who is a carrier, an active

carrier of this spirit. Jms 3:6 — The tongue is a fire, the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the wheel of nature and is set on fire by hell itself. More harm has been brought to human society by false testimony than can ever be stated or understood. The newspapers of today are the prime offender against the ninth commandment.

Courts of Justice

Are the courts truly functioning in justice? They are tribunals for the execution of justice. Justice is based on truth. Any false testimony given is a violation of truth and produces a miscarriage of justice. For this reason therefore, perjury is made a criminal offence because through perjury other forms of crime may go unpunished and the innocent be made to suffer. But not only in a court of law does perjury exist — or the breaking of the ninth commandment. There are many ways in which this ninth commandment can be broken and in which false witness may be borne.

Slander: the lie invented and distributed with malicious intent. The assassin, the highway robber ends life with little pain but the slanderer who invents a lie and uses it forms a weapon which takes away a reputation and all the odds are against its ever being regained.

Any false witness is borne by tale-bearing that is by repeating some report without careful investigation.

Anything repeated, reported in the press will be a breaking of the ninth commandment because all pressmen are liars. Pr 17:4 — They all alike pay attention to wicked lips, in order to get a good story. The one who reads a newspaper is a liar for they also pay attention and give heed to its information reported as “fact”. Anyone who has a desire to read a newspaper has a desire to break God’s commandment. An evil spirit in them compels the one to pay attention to its perverted report. Not even the truth should be circulated to the detriment of a person, how much less a lie. What standard of judgement do you have to distinguish between the truth and a lie? A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue, gives heed to a false witness.

To receive or reject a report reflecting upon the honor and character of any man without the most careful investigation is to be a lawbreaker whose reward is death. “For the wages of sin is death.” Sin is any violation of God’s law. A talebearer excuses himself by saying there was no intention to deceive and that the rumor was believed to be correct. But still you will be judged along with the world. Not judging yourself you are not able to hear your conscience — or if so, to obey it. There is no justification of disobedience to your conscience and your conscience is based upon the law of God (Rom 2:14-15).

Pr 17:4 says the essence of wickedness is to even *listen* to a report of a talebearer, how much more to *pass it on!* Verse 9 — This is proof of an evil spirit active within the person who hears and passes on. This person is not in possession of his own spirit. He is like an unwallied city. A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, a sharp arrow (Pr 25:18). What are the purposes of these things?

Have you felt *unclean* by what you have heard from your brother or sister? Has it made you think less of the person they gave you a report about? How much better is it to *conceal a matter*. This glorifies God (Pr 25:2; 11:13). A false witness is borne in a false impression made by a hint, a suggestion, a subtle question — “or have you heard about such and such?” For what purpose was this asked? How much control does this one who asked have over his own spirit or mind? Has suspicion been cast on the one in question? Are you now satisfied when you get it out of you? Then the dis-satisfaction wells up again after a few minutes and you tell another. This is like a sex fiend looking for a subject. By what spirit are you motivated? Is it *love* for the Sovereign, for your neighbor, or for yourself? Is this not another commandment that is broken at the same moment? Even by an insinuation the unfavorable impression has been created which has all the deceiving effects of a false witness. *False witness can also be borne by silence when you hear a false accusation and withhold the truth, removing the silence by speaking would expose the liar.*

There are masters of creating impressions in the minds of others. Is it sin (everyone who sins is a slave of sin) to harm your neighbor, to create an impression which is not true in the minds of others? Your conscience never lies. Why do we not listen to it? Once we break this command we are at once a liar, a false witness, a false accuser, for this is opposite to the truth — we sin against the truth. We are a liar, a coward, because once a lie is

started on its way, it is never finally overtaken and he who thus aims at the heart of his neighbor gives him no chance of correction. A thief who steals takes away his neighbors reputation (Pr 6:12-19).

Be careful of any meeting, that it does not turn into a meeting which breeds and passes on lies and rumors.

When you look at a newspaper, what do you see? Politicians heaping abuse upon one another...the current unrest around the world is due to the press stirring up unrest — false testimony, creating wars, and unrest...the press is a chief false witness of today and of the *father of liars* — and a breeding place and habitation of demons.

Misrepresent is exhibiting or showing a false report about the one who is being re-presented. As Moses misrepresented God to the people of Israel. Ps 106:32,33 — The reason the “church” today does not re-present the Sovereign to the world is because Ps 106:34,35,37,38-40,47 is the restoration today — in that we truly *re-present* Yahshua to the world (verse 48).

Represent means to show or exhibit a resemblance — to describe or show by action. As James labors to say in his epistle to the twelve tribes of Israel (Jms 2:14). The theme of the second chapter. To represent what faith is — they mis-represent faith — love, they represent the Lord to others or mis-represent Him to others. A *smile* of approval to a brother who is approved by you is showing your mind and heart toward him. You represent your feelings toward him or her. But indifference to him shows your indifference spiritually and mis-represents God to him. They think God doesn't approve of them for you represent God to your brother.

Represents — to show by action — doing a good deed for them, toward them you show the affection which their Father in heaven has toward them. Whoever mis-represents the Sovereign is not *fit* to rule with Him.

To represent is *to stand in the place of*. All the branches inherit the same share as the root — vine, tree trunk — whom they represent. They have the same right of inheritance. The good root, vine, is represented by the branches and its fruit.

Malignity — evil disposition of heart towards another.

Maligner — a traducer, a defamer. A traducer — to misrepresent one's character to others, one is reprobate who can never represent adequately the character and heart of others when discussing their case, or who can never adequately describe the character and nature and love of God to others, by word or action. Actions speak louder than words, but words is what proceeds from the heart and actions are louder.

A reprobate is one who is disallowed to represent the Messiah to the nations now and in the Kingdom of Heaven. A reprobate is described by Paul in 2 Cor 13:5-6 (Amp). Those who will be counted worthy to enter the kingdom represent the kingdom of heaven before it arrives in power, who are not only praying “Thy kingdom come,” but represent it. The kingdom is in their hearts and is represented to others as a foretaste of the banquet supper. The coming King and Kingdom is represented in this present age.

Mk 7:21-23 *represents* man's heart. *Traduce* is to represent as blamable, to condemn another by mis-representing them when speaking of them. a malicious and designing person is a traducer. *Traducement* is ill-founded censure of others, misrepresenting their true heart, looking merely on the outward appearance.

Because of resentment in the heart one judges wrongly — be careful how you judge. “A calumniator do not become or be, for according to how you are that is how you will see.” Speaking is the overflow of your heart — you slander, speaking abusively, misrepresenting the truth, not a true evaluation of the heart of the person. A misrepresentation is a traducement.

Defamation — uttering words in destroying the reputation of others.

Reputation is being held in esteem, as a man or person of *character* or honor. “See to it that no one despises you.”

Misrepresenting the intention of the heart of another defames them, their reputation and makes the defamer guilty before the court — or libel before the court of justice. To dishonor by false report. A defamer is a detractor.

One who takes away the reputation of another. Jn 10:10 — even a devil (Jn 6:70), rather than one who gives and

adds to the abundant life of others. 1 Jn 3:15 — If one holds resentment in his heart towards a brother — sooner or later it will come out when the one who is resented makes a “stupid” blunder, by saying “You dumb ass or idiot” (turkey). This is murder by one who knows not the communion of the Savior’s grace, but holds resentment over past wounds and is ready for murder — an opportune moment. (These past wounds are not necessarily inflicted by the one who you blow up at.) Whenever a person’s reputation, dignity, and worth is taken away, it is murder. “Thou shalt not murder.” “Am I my brother’s keeper?”, says the first murderer, and all who are like him say this only with other words or by their actions. Mt 7:12 — Do I regard his reputation as well as my own? Am I entering the narrow gate or the wide gate (verse 13), to the kingdom of heaven (verse 21), by bearing proper fruit (verses 15,20), fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Do not come to me with an evil report about my brother. I am his keeper. Why repeat a matter which does not build him up and build up the Edah. Lest we tear down and destroy (1 Cor 3:17). We will be liable before the court (1 Cor 16:23; 4:5).

Those who are guilty of Jms 4:11 and do not do 8-9 will not experience 10 and be lifted up.

Pr 26:22-28 — Some who are reprov'd from speaking against a brother or sister and can hardly produce a tear or even a crack in their voice are ready for the fire. For James says to those who do such an awful thing (Jms 4:9).

What degree of contrition should one have when caught in murder? Can they laugh in the next moment about anything? Let their laughter be turned into mourning and their joy into sadness, by their evaluation of the state or condition of their heart. The fourth chapter is concerned about the tongue. We are lifted up when our conscience does not reprove us any longer when we quit blaming the devil. Jms 3:1 — *Teachers* are subject to a more strict reproof, if guilty they will be humbled before all. If we fail to heed the prophet within us — let us weep and mourn, be sad, and vexed lest Acts 3:23 come upon us swiftly.

Dt 29:18-20.

Pr 10:17; 11:20 but Pr 13:9 (Amp). The uncompromising righteous are those who do not compromise the reproach of their conscience and justify and excuse the reproach of their conscience day and night, morning and afternoon. Flattering themselves saying, “I have peace and safety,” though he walks in the stubbornness of his own heart and mind (where the law of God dwells) bring down a hurricane of destruction sweeping away the moist with the dry. The *influence* of the *teacher*, Jms 3:1 is so powerful that the whole community is affected — the Sovereign will not pardon, He is not able to find repentance in his heart — cannot bring forth a true tear of true sorrow for his sin. Which the Sovereign says to “wail and weep for your sin, let your laughter be turned into weeping.” How is it that we could laugh about anything when our conscience is sorely reprov'ing us and if we don't weep we are like “reprobate silver.”

The one who does not obey his conscience is being made unfit, unworthy for the Kingdom. For they can only mis-represent it. No matter how accurate their teaching is or seems to be. It will have error in it to lead astray — even as they have it in them. Whoever sins teaches sin. “Pray for your leaders,” because they have guard over your souls (Heb 13:7). If a teacher or anyone disregards the reproof of his conscience day in and day out, he will be singled out for destruction.

Pr 9:8-10; 6:12-15 — without remedy. Pr 13:18; 28:10; Ps 7:12-16; 57:6; Ecc 10:8; Pr 27:22. The foolish virgins knew all the right things — but they were still fools. They were imperfectly purified.

Out of the heart comes what makes a man unclean — defiles the whole church. Mk 7:21-23 — verse 14 says listen to me — I am no vain babler, take heed to what I say, understand it with all your heart (Mk 7:14-15). It is what comes out of man (out of his heart) that makes a man unclean — that which defiles the man. The unclean man (especially teachers) make the *whole* unclean. No unclean man was allowed in the camp of the children of God.

Pr 23:20 — Do not associate with a wine-bibber or a person who eats a too large helping and says in his heart “only one,” or with one who gives too large portions to others in order to gain their approval.

Every violation of truth is a desecration of the law of God. There is no meaner form of rebellion against God in harming one's fellow man than that of casting impressions (insinuations) which are not true in the minds of others. He that breaks this commandment is at once a thief, coward, and liar. A liar because a false witness is the opposite of the truth. A coward because a lie once started on its way is never finally overtaken. And he who

thus aims at the heart of his fellow man gives him no chance of correction.