

life. This new life has been created by God in righteousness and true holiness and the person possessing it should reflect in living the grace of knowing the God who created. For one who knows God, it is almost unthinkable that he would also be a thief. God is marked by moral perfection and His people should reflect this as well.

Knowing the difficulties and stress produced by greed, the Lord said simply: "Thou shalt not steal." It means you will not take what belongs to another and hold it for yourself whether it be something physical or emotional. You have no right to what belongs to another and to seek to have it is sinful.

It is interesting that Paul should speak of Jesus and claim that Jesus did not think it a matter of robbery to be called equal with God (Philippians 2:6). He was taking nothing from God for He was the Son of God.. the promised Messiah of Micah 5...a deliverer who was divine and competent to save. Many of the religious people of Jesus day did not understand this... many still do not. The mystery of God is great but it is not our privilege to argue about it, rather it is our responsibility to believe and this belief must be a willingness to accept God as he presents Himself. To do otherwise is to steal from God His power and self-revelatory distinctives. In which case, if we do it, we violate the command by taking from the very one who gave it.

Conclusion:

Don't steal. Don't take from others their possessions and goods. Don't take from God His glory and honor. Believe in Him and in Jesus, His Son. The law calls for the life that only God provides ...He gives it. We do not have to steal for it...nor need we go without it.