

5:20....Don't bear false witness against your neighbor..and there are wider applications to this as well.

5:21....Don't covet...covetousness is a great sin and the root of many other sins..the regular Biblical attitude as expressed in Hebrews 13 is to be content with what God provides..

(And, in passing, note that the first half of the law is essentially what you do and the second half is basically what you don't do.)

III. Conclusion

These are foundational principles for all of society and it is regrettable in these days that we have legal battles over the simple display of them. Apart from the Divine origin, the simple common sense of them would seem to commend them to any ordered group. But in a world where man wants to be his own God, all sorts of values are set aside and all sorts of aberrations are brought in. While it appears we cannot force these God-given standards on everybody, they should be received enthusiastically and practically by those who know the Lord. Thanks for joining us today and may the blessing that comes from obedience to God mark your path today.

Lesson # 15

Deuteronomy 5:22-33

THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAW

I. Introduction

We have just taken a quick look at the ten commandments as the foundational expression of the law of God...the truth given Israel at Sinai that would enable her to enjoy the reality of the relationship the nation had with God. This revealed truth was the basis of Israel's faith...God had manifested His presence and power and given His word. But in chapters 5, verses 22-33, we are reminded of the authority of the Word and the right of exercise it had over the nation. We appreciate your being with us today as we continue our study and refresh our minds on the authority behind and within the law of God. With Israel we need to remember we are not hearing the words of deep thinkers or even very wise men..but of God Himself.

ii. Discussion

5:22....here is a summary of the (origing) of the law:

these words
with a great voice
from the cloud
and added not more so
God wrote them, delivered them to me (Moses)