

Whatever is True

7th in a series on The Ten Commandments

1. Read Exodus 20:16 and paraphrase the ninth of the ten commandments.
2. Given the wording of verse 16, to what kind of a setting does this commandment seem to be referring? Why might that be important?
3. In Pastor Steve's sermon, he pointed out that the Jews have two options for how they would approach telling the truth. What were they?
4. Does one of these two seem more in line with the Ten Commandments than the other?
5. Pastor Steve used Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 as the primary Bible passage for the sermon. Let's start with Eph. 4:25. Read it and try to figure out why telling the truth is so important.
6. Eph. 4:26-27. When is anger a good thing?
7. Eph. 4:28-32. What do these verses have to do with no bearing false witness? Don't these verses go well beyond our topic of not bearing false witness?
8. Eph. 5:1-2. How are these two verses related to what we just said about the preceding five verses?
9. Once again, we need to look at this commandment from three different aspects. First, how do we read the ninth commandment as "Law".

10. How does it change as we look at the ninth commandment as a “Vow”?

11. Paul then takes the concept up to the third level – “Nature”. How would you describe this implementation of the ninth commandment?

12. Pastor Steve observed that when a culture is a “false witness” culture, people will believe the accuser, especially if the accusations are sensational, and not listen to the accused as they try to defend themselves. Does that ring true to you? Can you give examples where that has happened? How do we approach that as Christians?