

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-25
Singing: 292:1, 3, 4 – 309:1-4 – 420:2, 3 – 336:1-2

Lord's Day 44

Intro: The 10th is not just the 'last' commandment!

A. What did God make known in the teachings about His law?

1. That God's law is the reflection of God's beauty: Ps. 90:17; 96:9

2. That God's law is the expression of His great love: Rom. 10:5; 13:8, 10

3. That exposition of God's law is seen fullest in Jesus: Matt. 5:20

4. That God's purpose in teaching the law is *reformation and transformation*

D. How does God accomplish this spiritual reformation & transformation?

1. He does it *slowly or gradually* (see Cat. Q. 114)

2. He does it *personally*: Eph. 2:10; Phil. 2:13; John 15:1-4

3. He does it *mediately* (through the use of means)

a. Means of preaching the *highest standard of God* (q. 115)

b. Means of challenging people or circumstances: Acts 14:22

4. He completes it *immediately*: 1 Cor. 15:51-57

The 10 th Commandment: Honor me by being holy as I am holy!
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A. The 10th is not really a *separate commandment* (see Cat. 113)

1. The 10th God's adverb to all other commandments!

B. What does the 10th cover in practical daily living?

C. The saints' calling goes much farther *than the 'do-not-do-part'*: 1 Peter 1:14-16

1. The 'do-not-do part' are *former lusts we lived in while ignorance* (vs. 14)

2. God's call goes much deeper: *be holy in all manner of conversation* (vs. 22)

a. Jesus: *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect* (Matt. 5:48)

3. What does 'be ye holy, perfect as I am' *practically* mean for us?

a. It does NOT only mean *have any evil thoughts rise up*

b. It means *let only good thoughts rise up within you*

c. What does that mean practically?

Close: Who is sufficient for living God's holy and good and just law?

A. If God's law has *pricked – humbled – smashed* our self-image, bless God!

1. We tend to *maximize God's love* at the expense of *minimizing God's anger*

2. Rest not with *humbling convictions*: they are not saving!

B. If God has increased your sense of defilement, fear not, fellow saints of God!

1. Meditate upon Hosea 11:7-9

T. Goodwin: *There is comfort concerning such infirmities, in that your very sins move Him to pity more than to anger, as the heart of a father is drawn to his child with a loathsome disease.*