

Large Catechism Lesson 14

Part 1: The Ninth & Tenth Commandments

Opening Discussion | Coveting

- What is the sin of coveting?
- How does coveting differ from other sins?
- What makes coveting such a serious sin?

-The 9th and 10th commandments, which address coveting, “underline the evil in our natures and the perils of unlimited desire for sensual satisfaction and for material things.”¹ In other words, we cannot trust God to provide what we need.

¶ 292-295

- What does Luther mean when he says that these two commandments are given quite exclusively to the Jewish people?
-cf. Exodus 20:1-2
- What do these commandments forbid?

¶ 296-299

- How do these commandments teach us to regard our neighbor?

¶ 300-306

- To whom are these commandments directed?

¶ 307-310

- Our neighbor’s suffering and our own greed
-We try to secure our lives at the expense of our neighbor (5th–8th Commandments).
- How does God take away what we have brought into our possession.
- What use of the Law does Luther cite at the end of the reading?

Closing Discussion

- How does our American context make following these commandments challenging?
- How would a Christian living out these final commandments look different to our culture?

1 Arand, *That I May Be His Own*, 157.