Scripture: Deut. 5:1-21 & Romans 7

Singing: 350:1-3 – 438:3 – 236:1-4 – 142:1-4 – 435:1, 2, 8, 9

Intro: Is the 10th the *summit* or the *spirit* of the Law?

**The Command to Be Perfect in Each Commandment**

**I.** What God forbids in the 10th? II. What God commands in the 10th?

**I. What God forbids in the 10th?**

A. God doesn’t forbid to covet as such but to covet what is not yours

 1. define *covet*

 2. to covet is sometimes *commanded and approved*

a. 1 Cor. 12:31 & 14:39 commands to *covet the God’s gifts*

b. 1 Tim. 3:1 *approves the desire to be bishop*

 c. Prov. 18:22 *calls desire to find a wife good*

 d. Ps. 127:4 *doesn’t forbid longing for children*

 3. but to covet *to possess what God gave to another* is sin

 a. Hab 2:9 *condemns an ‘evil covetousness’*

 b. Ezek. 33:31 *exposes ‘covetousness’ in pew sitters*

c. Micah 3:11, Matt. 23:6-7 *details coveting in leaders*

 4. Coveting isn’t limited to ***things*** *or* ***persons***

B. 10th goes deeper: *God commands us to reflect His* ***inner Being!***

 1. Note the difference between *be covetous* and *not covet*

a. our heart is **commanded** to *reflect His*

b. not sinful desire or thought is ***to rise in my heart under no***

 ***circumstances of our life***

 2. In 10th God commands us ***to be holy*** rather than ***do holy things***

a. original sin as the ‘fountain of pollution’ is *forbidden*

● why can God still require this from us today?

b. original sin has never been in fashion and isn’t today

**II. What does God demand in the tenth commandment**

A. What God **demands** is even harder than what He forbids

 1. *Be ye perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect!* Matt. 5:48

a. that means ***hate*** *sin*

b. that we hate ***all sin***

c. that we hate *at sin* ***all times with the whole heart***

 d. that we delight in all righteousness *…*

**● delight** in being and doing the right things like …

 ● **delight** in every detail of *devotional love*

Close: Who doesn’t feel overwhelmed by depth of this 10th?

A. God’s intention is *not to feel overwhelmed* but *convicted!*

 1. Has God smashed my *self-conceited – proud - self-image*?

 2. If you sit under this teaching unmoved, then begin today *to*

 *strive to get impressions of God’s holy Being!*

B. Why preach the Law when we can’t keep it?

 1. To drive you forever away from *your* ***being and******doing!***

 2. As well as to *lead you the Christ’s* ***doing and dying!***

 3. To teach you to strive for ***perfection!***