

# Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#22] *Jesus Gave His Time & Trouble* – Deuteronomy 5:19

**Sermon Outline** – December 31, 2017

## Children's Sermon: Time & Trouble

- **Time & Trouble; Comfort & Joy** - What does this \$100 dollar bill represent?
- **Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is** - What does this mean?



### Matthew 6:19–21

“Do not lay up for yourselves **treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,<sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.<sup>21</sup> For *where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- **Our Treasure is Our Life: Blessing, Comfort, Joy & Security**
- **Our Heart is always Attached to Our Treasure**

## #8 You Shall not Steal

Notes:

(Dt. 5:19; Cf. Dt. 23:15–24:7)

### What was Israel to Understand about Theft?

**Prohibited:** (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 110; p. 4)

1. Outright theft and robbery.
2. All scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; e.g. **Ice Cream** counterfeit money; excessive interest.
3. All greed. (Coveting?)
4. All pointless squandering of God's gifts.

**Required:** (Q. 111)

5. **Do** whatever is needed for our neighbor's good, **work faithfully** so that we may share with those in need.

### Ephesians 4:28

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather **let him labor**, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

### Isaiah 58:5–10

<sup>5</sup> **Is such the fast that I choose**, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed,

and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> “**Is not this the fast that I choose:** *to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?* <sup>7</sup> Is it not to *share your bread with the hungry* and *bring the homeless poor into your house;* when you see the naked, *to cover him,* and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ... <sup>9</sup> **Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;** *you shall cry,* and he will say, ‘**Here I am.**’ *If* you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup> *if you pour yourself out for the hungry* and *satisfy the desire of the afflicted,* then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. (Cf. Mark 10:17–31 – Rich Young Man)

### Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

The blessings we enjoy are meant to be used to bless others. Only then are we truly resting in & reflecting God.



**It is a good thing we are not meant to be redeemed by the Law!**

### Jesus Poured Himself Out for the Hungry!

Jesus Gave His Life for Us

#### Hebrews 5:7–10

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and **he was heard because of his reverence.** <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became *the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,* <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

### Turn & Trust Our Generous Savior!

Jesus Gives His Life/Love to Us

**1 John 3:16–18** (Cf. James 2:14–17 – faith/works)

<sup>16</sup> **By this we know love,** that **he laid down his life for us,** and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.**

<sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his

brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, **how does God's love abide in him?** <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not *love* in word or talk but ***in deed and in truth***. (Cf. 1 Cor. 15:10 – “I worked harder...”)

We need God's grace to, 'put our money where our mouth is!'  
**Where is our treasure?** Cry out to Jesus for his rescue.

True Life: Blessing, Comfort, Joy & Security

**Acts 20:35**

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is **more blessed to give** than to receive.’ ”

**1 Timothy 6:17–19**

<sup>17</sup> **As for the rich in this present age**, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus **storing up treasure for themselves** as a good foundation for the future, so that they may **take hold of that which is truly life**. (Cf. Matthew 13:22 – sown among thorns)

**...Fired at our Life & Heart**

When our treasure really is in heaven, our time and trouble can be freely given, without fear!



**Some Practical Advice**

1. **Godly grief** leads to repentance (turning), faith (trusting), and gratitude.  
**Worldly grief** leads to... (enslavement: fear, despair, bitterness, or worse - pride)
2. The flesh will want to apply this sermon to “the church” but not to ourselves.
3. We are growing into Christ-likeness. We will not ‘arrive’ until we are home. Be patient with each other. (Comfort the afflicted & afflict the comfortable)

## The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 42

### Q & A 110

Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law.<sup>1</sup> But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate,<sup>2</sup> such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God.<sup>3</sup> In addition God forbids all greed<sup>4</sup> and pointless squandering of his gifts.<sup>5</sup>

1 Ex. 22:1; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 6:9-10

2 Mic. 6:9-11; Luke 3:14; James 5:1-6

3 Deut. 25:13-16; Ps. 15:5; Prov. 11:1; 12:22; Ezek. 45:9-12; Luke 6:35

4 Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5

5 Prov. 21:20; 23:20-21; Luke 16:10-13

### Q & A 111

Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.<sup>1</sup>

1 Isa. 58:5-10; Matt. 7:12; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:28