

Theology Simply Explained — CC102 “Happy with the Lord”

Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 102—especially explaining how being happy with the Lord Himself is at the heart of the law.

Q102. What does the tenth commandment teach us? ***To be content with our lot.***

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Sophia Your catechism question this week is what does the tenth commandment? Teach us? And your answer is to be content with our lot. Now, your answer last week, told us what the tenth commandment is. That shall not cover thy neighbor's house, Thou shalt not covet, thy neighbor's wife.

Nor his manservant nor his maidservant. Nor his Ox nor his ass nor anything that is. Thy neighbors. And these are all things that we are tempted. To covet many people. Wish that they had a different family. The word house and thou shalt not covet the neighbor's house. Is much more a household than the physical structure in which you live.

Because our family is such a big part of our life. The sinful. Part of a person, whether he is still in his sin. In himself, and his original nature or whether It is remaining fleshliness from his former nature, or her former nature. Because a family is such a big part of our life.

The sinful part of the person is often tempted. To wish that they had a different family. Which, of course, is a dreadful sin against God because God is the one, Who picked your family? And, When we think about the future or once we're married, when we think about the present,

And when we think about the future, or once we're married, when we think about the present, Another. Sinful desire. That people have. That they would have. A different husband or a different wife. And particularly You look at someone else's husband and so he seems to be a better husband than mine.

Or someone else's wife and say she seems to be a better wife than mine. This too is a wicked covetousness against God and it's a breaking. Even of the seventh commandment. Although, it is not the physical act of adultery. It is a desire in the heart. And the desire in the heart is not just for the physical relations of marriage.

It can also be before

The kindness or the service, or the wisdom or any characteristic

Also. We may wish that we had the sort of help that someone else has. And so a man servant or a maidservant, Or. The same. Machines, the same easiness of Ox and ass here are not just possessions which of course, people wish that they had the same money, the same resources as others, but they are The ways by which their work was done.

And it can be very tempting to wish that your job was a lot easier like that person. Job is. This would be similar to wishing that. You had an ox that was as strong and well behaved as your neighbor's Ox. or wishing that you had the vehicles that someone else had.

this is very similar to wishing that. You had their ass that could carry things or maybe even carry you. Donkeys were often used. As personal Transportation. And so the things in the tenth commandment Although they are in words in particulars that are from a former time, they actually are extremely close to the heart even in our lives.

Now, How often people are coveting? Of others, family or wife? Or help or job, or Vehicles, or Anything that Their neighbors. A big problem with all of these things is that when we think this way, Not only do we have a desire for those things, but we're telling ourselves.

I would be happier if I had and then we fill in what our neighbor has. But this is a dreadful thing, when we remember the first commandment and the preface To the first goon. I am Yahweh, your God. Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before me. Can someone who has the Lord himself? Think, I know I've got. The living, the one living and true, God, who is Almighty and all wise, and all good, who has ever blessed in himself, and the great blessedness in which any creature must find his his happy.

I know I have him, but if I had Then I would be happy. Isn't that horrible? To not be happy because you have God. Think about it, if you have him. What in his wisdom? And his goodness to us, what difficulties or Or hardships or griefs in a family or marriage or job or help or transportation, or possessions or anything.

Could take away the happiness that you have. If you have the Living God, And so, The tenth commandment is a very, very close partner to the first commandment. As we thought about last week, it reminds us that we ought to be happy. With the Lord himself. And then with whatever.

Goodness desires his wisdom, plans, his power gives us Knowing. That not only do, we have the Lord himself but if if we have him Then we will shortly together with him have all other things. And so your answer to be content with our lot. may be helped if you remember from Psalm 16.

And Psalm 73 and other places in the Bible that the lot or the portion of the believer, Includes God himself. And so we should be content, we should be happy. With our lot with the Lord, And all the other good and wise things he gives us now. And the perfect blessedness that we will have in him forever.

And all the perfect creaturely things. That we will have with him and from him. Forever. So, what does the tenth commandment? Teach us? To be content with our lot.