

LORD'S DAY 41

**108 Q. WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR US
IN THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT?**

- A.** God condemns all unchastity.¹
We should therefore thoroughly detest it²
and, married or single,
live decent and chaste lives.³

¹ Lev. 18:30; Eph. 5:3-5

² Jude 22-23

³ 1 Cor. 7:1-9; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; Heb. 13:4

**109 Q. DOES GOD, IN THIS COMMANDMENT,
FORBID ONLY SUCH SCANDALOUS SINS AS ADULTERY?**

- A.** We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul,
and God wants both to be kept clean and holy.
That is why he forbids
everything which incites unchastity,¹
whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.²

¹ 1 Cor. 15:33; Eph. 5:18

² Matt. 5:27-29; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Eph. 5:3-4

LORD'S DAY 42

**110 Q. WHAT DOES GOD FORBID
IN THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT?**

- A.** He forbids not only outright theft and robbery,
punishable by law.¹

But in God's sight theft also includes
cheating and swindling our neighbor
by schemes made to appear legitimate,²
such as:

inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume;
fraudulent merchandising;
counterfeit money;
excessive interest;
or any other means forbidden by God.³

In addition he forbids all greed⁴
and pointless squandering of his gifts.⁵

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

**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 him
as I would like others to treat me,
and that I work faithfully
so that I may share with those in need.¹

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