



# EXODUS

*that the world may know...*

# Exodus 20:16

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## Commandment #9:

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## Hosea 4:2

There is only cursing, lying and murder,  
stealing and adultery;  
they break all bounds,  
and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

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What does Jesus have to do with this 9<sup>th</sup> commandment?

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – John 14:6

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” – John 18:37

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# 5 forms of false testimony

## 1. Lying in court

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## Lying in Court

Exodus 23:1-3, 6-9, “Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness. <sup>2</sup> “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, <sup>3</sup> and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit. <sup>6</sup> “Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.

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## Lying in Court

Exodus 23:1-3, 6-9, <sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty. <sup>8</sup> “Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent. <sup>9</sup> “Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

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## Lying in Court

Matthew 26:59-61, <sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

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2. Injustice and oppression of the poor

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# Injustice and oppression of the poor

[NLT] Amos 5:7 – 24, You twist justice, making it a bitter pill for the oppressed. You treat the righteous like dirt....How you hate honest judges! How you despise people who tell the truth! You trample the poor, stealing their grain through taxes and unfair rent....

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## Injustice and oppression of the poor

[NLT] Amos 5:7 – 24, You oppress good people by taking bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.... Hate evil and love what is good; turn your courts into true halls of justice. Perhaps even yet the Lord God of Heaven's Armies will have mercy on the remnant of his people....Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living.

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3. Slander/Gossip
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# Lying

## Ephesians 4:25

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

## Proverbs 12:19, 22

<sup>19</sup> Truthful lips endure forever,  
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord detests lying lips,  
but he delights in people who are trustworthy.

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5. False Teaching

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## False Teaching

[Jesus said,] <sup>6</sup> “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!”

– Matt 18:6-7

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# False Teaching

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- John 8:31-32

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**What about those who are the victim of false testimony?**

**Romans 12:17-21**, <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

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**What about those who are the victim of false testimony?**

**Romans 12:17-21**, <sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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