

## LESSON 19: RESPECT FOR A PERSON'S HONOUR

### Memory work

#### ***112.Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?***

*A. I must not give false testimony against anyone,  
twist no one's words, not gossip or slander,  
nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard.*

*Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit  
as the devil's own works,  
under penalty of God's heavy wrath.*

*In court and everywhere else,  
I must love the truth,  
speak and confess it honestly,  
and do what I can to defend and promote  
my neighbour's honour and reputation.*

### Homework

*Remember: if you find these questions difficult, get your parents to help you.*

1.(3) Explain how lying is an expression of self-centredness.

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2.(2) Read James 3:1-12. Why does James call the tongue “an evil” and “a world of great evil”?

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EITHER do the question below or the one on the other side of this sheet

3.(5) God did not say “You shall not steal *from your neighbour*.” God did say “You shall not bear false witness *against your neighbour*.” What’s special about the “neighbour” being mentioned in the ninth commandment? (Hint: it has something to do with why “white lies” are okay).

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**The Hymn 11 project**

In our Book of Praise, Hymn 11 is a rhymed version of the ten commandments. A down side to it is that sometimes sections of the law are combined into one stanza.

Thus stanza 2 is about the preface to the law and the first commandment.

In lesson 10 we saw how stanza 2 could be made to be just about the preface to the law. Here it is again, the changes are indicated by underlined italics.

Current Hymn 11:2	Alternative Hymn 11:2
I am the Lord, your God and Saviour, who out of slav'ry set you free, who brought you from the land of Egypt. Have, then, no other gods but me.	I am the LORD, your God and Saviour Who out of slav'ry set you free Who brought you from the land of Egypt. <u><i>From sin and Satan you've been freed.</i></u>

Hymn 11:7 covers the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> commandment! We're looking for a stanza on each commandment.

Look carefully at Lord's Day 43 in a Book of Praise and compose a stanza for Hymn 11 that is only about the ninth commandment. Make sure it has the right number of syllables, and that the rhyming patten is correct (A-B-C-B).

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