

## Questions 99 & 100

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**Q99. What is the ninth commandment?**

**A99. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**Q100. What does the ninth commandment teach you?**

**A100. To tell the truth.**

*Scripture Base:* Ex. 20:16; 1 Kings 21:1-13;  
Ps. 31:5; Eph. 4:25; Rev. 21:8.

*Doctrine:* WCF 20:4, 22 SC 76-78

### Supplementary Questions

1. Who is my neighbor?
2. What does it mean to bear false witness against my neighbor?
3. Can I say things that aren't true to get myself or others out of trouble as long as I'm not hurting anyone?

Song: The Ten Commandments - Judy Rogers

## Teaching Notes

**Review:** Q97 What is the eighth commandment? - *You shall not steal.* Q98. What does the eighth commandment teach you?  
- *To be honest and industrious.*

**Story:** Jezebel and the false witnesses, 1 Kings 21:1-13

### Questions

1. Everyone is my neighbor (Q 77).
2. It means to say something about them that isn't true in order to get them into trouble (as Jezebel had the false witnesses do to Naboth).  
It can also mean to say something that isn't true about them in order to get yourself out of trouble.  
Or, to use the truth to try and hurt your neighbor. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves, with our words, as well as our actions and in our hearts.
3. No. God is a God of truth (Ps. 31:5). He loves the truth. God says that those who practice lying will one day be thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8).

**[Cover in discussion only:** When someone asks me for the truth, what should I tell them?  
(i) Tell them the truth (Eph. 4:25).  
(ii) Unless they intend to do something evil with the truth (Example of Rahab and the spies; Josh. 2:1-7; James 2:25).]

**Gospel:** Saying things that aren't true about others or using their words to hurt others is a sin as well as breaking the other commandments, and as such deserves eternal death.

The Lord will one day bring all sins to remembrance and speak the absolute truth concerning us. But, if we trust in the Lord, He will take away all our sins, give us Christ's righteousness, and when the Lord declares us to be not guilty, He will be speaking the truth because of His marvelous grace. Trust in Christ today!

**Activity:** Naboth, Jezebel & the worthless men picture.  
Worksheet 5-10 cont.

**Song:** 10 Commandments