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MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Foundation & Fulfillment



A Study of the
Ten Commandments
and the Life of Jesus as seen
in various passages in the Gospel of
Luke.

Lesson 9: Truth or Consequences



MEMORY VERSE

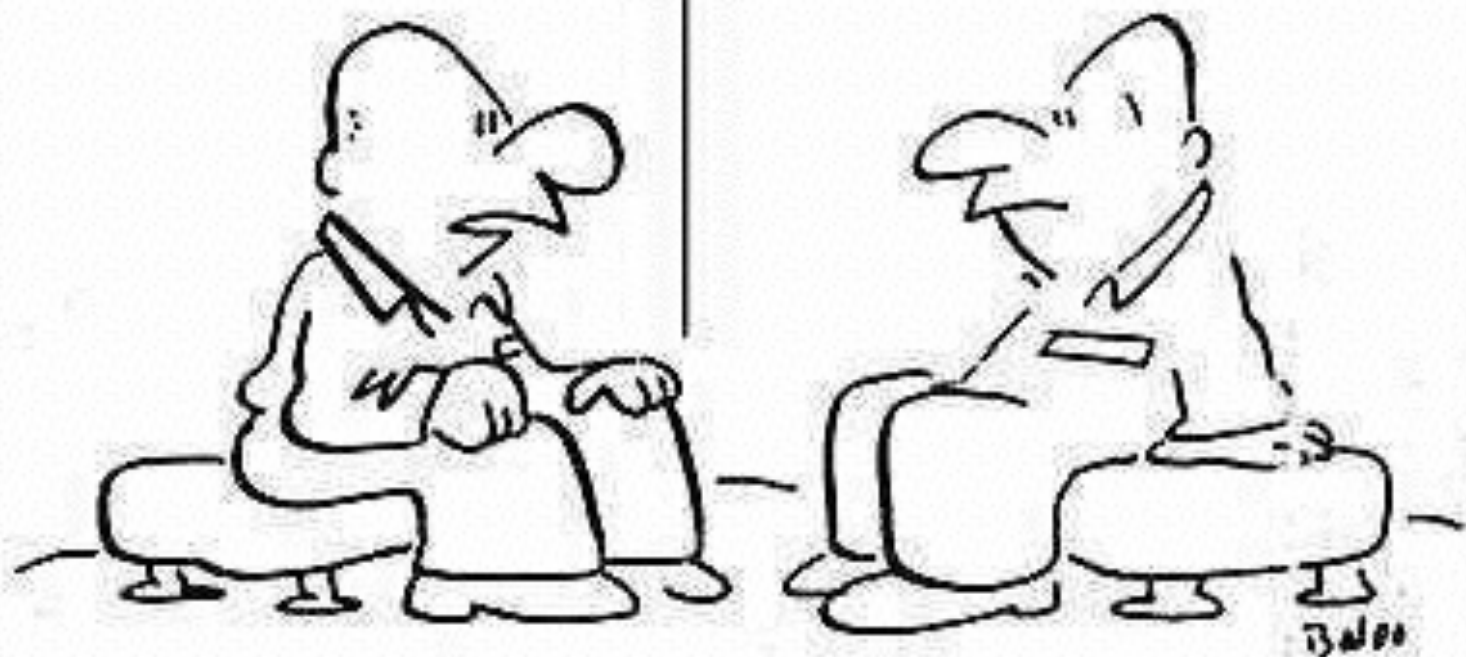
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

EXODUS 20:16

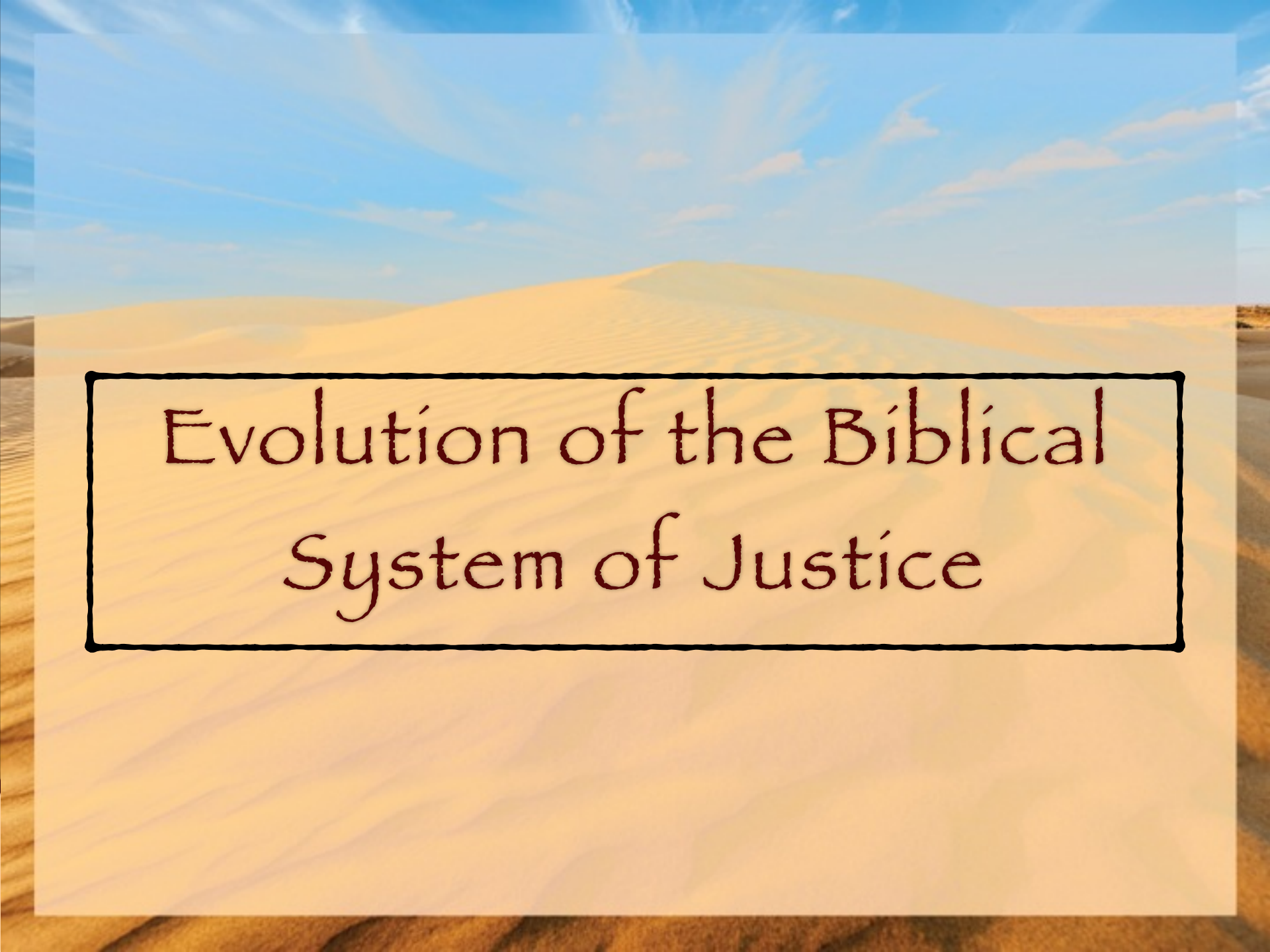


TEN SIMPLE RULES BY MERCY ME

<http://youtu.be/PYohmsvIA10>



*You say you're in for perjury, eh?
-- Why should I believe that?*



Evolution of the Biblical System of Justice

Jethro Advises Moses to Create a Justice System



Exodus 18: 5–27

Moses and the 70 Elders



Numbers 11: 16-30

Old Testament Court System

- Accuser and Accused argue own cases
- Burden of proof on defendant
- Testimony of at least 2 witnesses required for conviction

Old Testament Court System

Cases of false testimony were referred to the central court.

Accused could submit to an ordeal or an oath to prove innocence.

Casting lots to discover guilt was sometimes done.

Old Testament Court System

Judges responsible for administration of punishment.

Court system only functioned well when community agreed with decisions and cooperated to enforce them.

By judging justly, courts taught God's law and principles of divine justice.

Witness Oaths

Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony you may give in the matter on trial will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Texas Rules of Evidence, Rule 603

Juror Oaths

FOR SUMMONED JURORS

You, and each of you, solemnly swear that you will make true answers to such questions as may be propounded to you by the court, or under its directions, touching your service and qualifications as a juror, so help you God.

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 226

Juror Oaths

FOR SELECTED JURORS IN A CRIMINAL CASE

You, and each of you do solemnly swear (or affirm) that in the case of the State of Texas against the defendant, you will a true verdict render according to the law and the evidence, so help you God.

Art. 35.22 Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

OTHER STATUTORY OATHS

Newly Licensed Attorneys

ELECTED AND APPOINTED STATE OFFICERS

ELECTION JUDGES AND ELECTION CLERKS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

Famous Perjurers

Sports Figures

Roger Clements
Marion Jones
Lance
Armstrong

POLITICIANS

Richard Nixon
Bill Clinton
Anthony Weiner

Wall Street Tycoons

Bernie Madoff
Martha Stewart

The East Portico



In the Justices' Chambers



On the door of the Supreme Court Building



“Perjury is not acceptable behavior. It has vast, harmful consequences. The law must be enforced, and the guilty tried and punished. We all need to insist upon a basic standard of truth from our elected officials, community leaders, business associates, friends and families. We must cultivate a commitment to truth among our young people and children. It has to start with us.”

James B. Stewart, Tangled Webs: How False Statements Are Undermining America

APPLYING THE LESSON IN YOUR LIFE



How can you cultivate a
commitment to the truth in
your life?