The Ten Commandments

#8 You shall not steal
By Shad David Sluiter
Available at www.GospelHall.org
The first commandment

You shall have no other gods before me.
The second commandment

You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
The third commandment

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
The fourth commandment

Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
The fifth commandment

Honor your father and mother.
The sixth commandment

You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
The eighth commandment

You shall not steal.
There is Jericho. The strongest city in the Promised Land that we have to conquer. Look at those walls!
Two spies went into the city and stayed with a woman name Rahab.

Can we hide in your house for a few days?
They talked about the great things that God had done for Israel in Egypt...

...and then God killed the firstborn. And then He sent us to the Red Sea. And then...
I know that God has given this city to you. The whole country is afraid of what your God can do.
We are looking for those spies.

Quick. Hide in here!
You can hide under the stalks of flax that are laid out on the roof. The soldiers will not find you there.
Later, Rahab let the spies escape through the window of her house.

Rahab, when we return to this city, leave this rope in your window and we will know not to harm this house.
Joshua and the army of Israel came to Jericho’s walls.

There was one rule: All treasure that they would collect from the city would go into the Temple Treasury. It was for God alone.
They marched around the walls each day for six days. On the seventh day, they marched around seven times.
At Joshua’s command, the priests blew trumpets.
The walls fell down.
Rahab and her house were rescued.

Rahab, when we return to this city, leave this rope in your window and we will know not to harm this house.
But a soldier from Israel named Achen found some money, some gold and an expensive garment.
Instead of giving it to the temple treasury, Achen buried his stolen treasure in his tent.
But Israel lost its next battle! Joshua asked God “Why did we lose?”
Joshua was in anguish before the LORD.

LORD! What has happened? Your people were defeated today in battle?

Someone has sinned in the camp. Tell everyone to appear before me in the morning.
Tomorrow everyone was to pass by Joshua and God would reveal the thief. But Achen did not confess.
When the next day came, God singled out Achen as the thief. He and his family were stoned to death.
The eighth commandment

You shall not steal.