

# Living In Relationship To God

## The Third Commandment

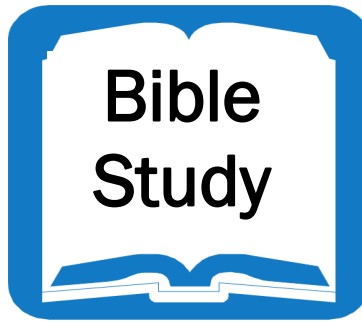
### A Story:

In 1636 the Thirty Years' War was in progress. A German pastor, Martin Rinckart, is said to have buried 5000 of his parishioners in one year, an average of 15 a day. The members of his congregation were ravaged by war, death, and poverty. In the heart of that darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote a table prayer for his children. The prayer can be found in our hymnal. (LSB #895, LW #443 and TLH #36) Write the first verse of that hymn here:

How could Pastor Rinckart write such a hymn of thanksgiving and praise with all the sad things that were happening around him?

**Thanksgiving, praise, and worship do not depend on outward circumstances—they are a response to the love of God which is always with us!**

*From Luther's Large Catechism*



***What do the following passages have to say about the way in which God is worshipped?***

**Day One:** Psalm 100:1-2

**Day Two:** Psalm 107:31

**Day Three:** Hebrews 12:28

**Day Four:** Acts 2:46-47

**Day Five:** Romans 12:1



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### For Discussion:

**Luke 10:38-42**

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship always begins with God giving to us. What did Jesus give Mary in this story?
2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. How did Mary respond?
3. What was Martha's problem according to verse 40?
4. What things distract us from hearing God's Word today?
5. What promise did Jesus make to Mary?
6. How does Jesus fulfill that promise for me?

### Stewardship Truth

**Living in relationship to God means that I regularly thank and praise Him in worship.**