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- Consider God’s heart - To show “covenant loyalty”

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**SABBATH** means “**STOPPING**”

*the day on which one’s regular work ceases both for the sake of giving laborers a break from their daily routine and for the sake of providing a focus on God that is periodically heightened.*

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- Adultery was known in the ancient world as “**THE GREAT SIN.**”
  - **WHY?**

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**STEALING** is taking something that does not belong to you without permission

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**FALSE WITNESS** - a witness in a trial that does not tell the truth

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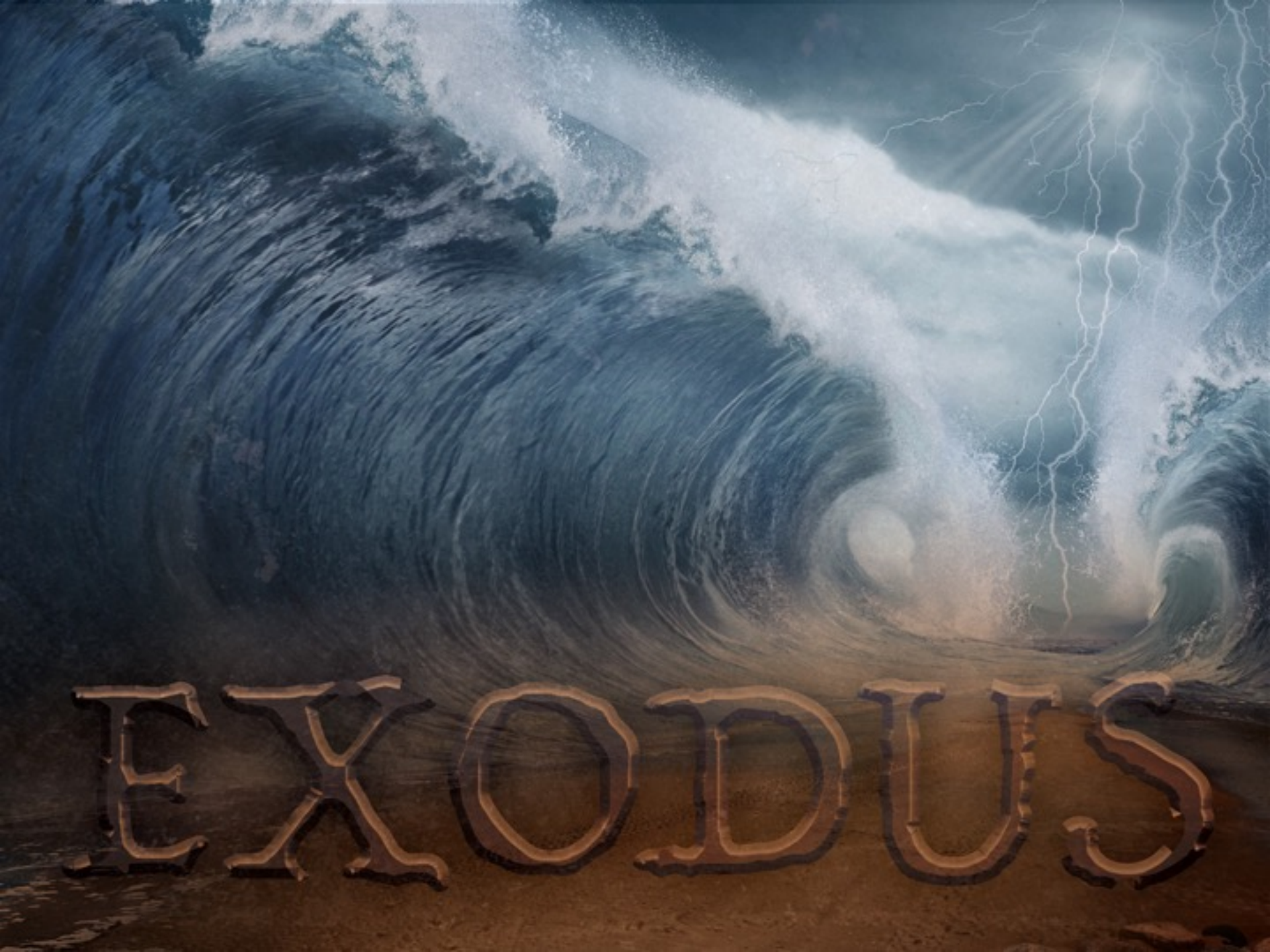
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**IS COVETING BAD?**

Nothing properly owned should be coveted.

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