

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20

REVIEW *"Reader! You cannot learn too deeply, that we are all infected and impure with sin, and all our righteous acts are but filthy rags! Do you see self as one mire-heap of filth? Do you loathe human merit as a plague-spot? Have you received the warning word, 'If I wash you not, you have no part with Me?'" Pause before Sinai, and weigh well your need of cleansing before you can meet God."*²⁷

*"There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains"*²⁸

The principle: **James 1:21**

1. God's claim on Israel. Vs 1-2

- Look where God starts. He reminded Israel that He is not just their Creator, He is their Deliver and Redeemer!
- God keeps His _____ to His people! **Genesis 15:12-14**

2. The Ten Commandments.

- Keep in mind what the Bible shows as the point of the law:

No one can _____ the law! **James 2:10; Romans 3:19**

The law cannot _____ you! **Galatians 2:16**

The law teaches you why you need _____! **Galatians 3:24; Romans 3:19-24**

- The first four commandments are _____ in focus.
- The last six commandments focus on _____.
- This outline for the 10 commandments is found in **Matthew 22:34-40**
- Nine of the commands are _____. "Thou shalt not"
First mention of a 'command' in your Bible has both a positive and negative component.
Genesis 2:16-17
KEY: Positive statements (initiatives) that contradict the Word of God are the path to hell.
Satan's first word to humanity was "Yea" (positive or negative?) A positive declaration!

Relating rightly with God.

1. No other gods. Vs 3

- Negative. A prohibition.
- There can be no other authority. The LORD alone is to be worshipped.
- **KEY:** The rest of the law of God is built upon this first commandment. God is first!
Example: Genesis 1:1

NOTE: Lost man refuses this simple truth. **Romans 1:20-25**

- **BEWARE:** There are _____ "gods." **1 Corinthians 8:5-6** compare **1 John 5:21**
Satan is the god of this world. **2 Corinthians 4:4**

2. No images. Vs 4-6 compare **Deuteronomy 4:15-19, 23-28**

- Vs 3 tells you _____ to worship – vs 4 gives instruction on _____ to worship.
For example: Is Jesus in Heaven above?

²⁷ Henry Law, in "The Gospel in Exodus," The Religious Tract Society, 1867, Pg 100.

²⁸ William Cowper, in "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," Olney Hymns, 1779.

KEY: Images are _____ and man is prone to _____ them. **Romans 1:23**

- **Man** is an image! **Genesis 1:26** compare **Genesis 5:3**
- BUT! There is ONE “*image*” that we are to _____!
Colossians 1:12–18; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Hebrews 1:1–3

Vs 5 Example: Gen 15:16 = Israel returns to the promised land in the 4th generation.
Exo 34:7; Numb 14:18; Duet 5:9

Vs 6 is a promise.

Are we saved by keeping commandments? No! But it is how we show our _____
for God. **John 14:15** compare **John 14:23; 2 Corinthians 13:5**

3. Name in vain. Vs 7

- God’s name is HOLY. **Matthew 6:9; Psalm 111:9**
- People think that this commandment is about _____.

There is no name like God’s name! **Acts 4:12**

When you get saved, you take His name for your _____. (example: marriage)

Philippians 2:9–13

PROBLEM: People _____ the name of Christ and then do not _____ Christ.

4. The sabbath. Vs 8-11 compare **Deuteronomy 5:12–15**

- “*Don’t forget the bondage that you were delivered from!*”

Church age equivalent function = _____ **1 Corinthians 11:26**

- This commandment was given to Israel as a _____ **Ezekiel 20:9–13; 1 Corinthians 1:22**

The sabbath was never given to the _____. It is not for the _____.

- Sabbath was made for man. **Mark 2:23-28; Hebrews 4:9**

You need a day of rest! PICTURE: Hebrews 4:9 T

The practical implication here is that man would work SIX days a week.

1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10

There is a 2nd Advent picture here in this fourth commandment. **Isaiah 14:1-7**