

INTRODUCTION TO THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Part 1 of LOVE PEOPLE. Exodus 19-20; Deuteronomy 4-6.

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10 COMMANDMENTS - TWO BENEFITS

Following God's instructions will make us wise

Deuteronomy 4:5-6 (ESV) See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

Following God's instructions will make us loving

Mark 12:28-31 (ESV) 28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

WHAT ARE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS?

1. The 10 commandments are revelation

Exodus 20:1-2 (ESV) And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the LORD your God ...

Exodus 19:18-19 (ESV) Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. 19 And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.

Isaiah 42:21 (ESV) The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Matthew 5:17-18 (ESV) "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

2. The 10 commandments are relational

Matthew 19:22 (ESV) 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Exodus 20:1-2 (ESV) And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

2 Timothy 1:9 (ESV) God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus.

3. The 10 commandments are relevant

God still uses his law to lead people to Jesus.

Romans 3:20-25 (ESV) 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

God still uses his law to teach us how to live.

Deuteronomy 6:24 (ESV) And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always ...

Romans 13:8-10 (ESV) Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

APPLY THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Admit you cannot keep God's rules. Have faith in the Savior.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Memorize the commandments. Deuteronomy 6:6 (ESV) And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Teach the commandments to family. Deuteronomy 6:7 (ESV) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when ...

Live by the commandments everywhere. Deuteronomy 6:8 (ESV) You shall bind them as a sign on your hand ...

NEXT STEPS

During this week, take some steps to reflect on and apply today's Bible teaching. Pick one or more of these:

- 1. Review the Ten Commandments.** Read Exodus 19 for context and read Exodus 20 for the commandments. Consider using different Bible versions to get a variety of perspectives.
- 2. Understand the Ten Commandments.** There are many helpful resources that can help you explore the meaning and application of the commandments; for example, the 2020 Anglican Catechism has a section on the Ten Commandments (pages 91-111). It is available online for free download here: <https://anglicanchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/To-Be-a-Christian.pdf>
- 3. Memorize the Ten Commandments.** In Deuteronomy 6:6, Moses encourages the people keep the ten rules in their hearts, by which he means they should meditate on the commandments until they influence their values and decisions and lifestyle. So, take the challenge and begin to memorize the commandments.
- 4. Share the Ten Commandments.** If you have young have kids at home, figure out a way to teach them the commandments; for example, one evening this week sit down and read them together. Answer questions. Ask questions. Print off the commands and hang them somewhere the kids can see them. Check out this free download: <https://biblepathwayadventures.com/activities/ten-commandments-worksheet/>
- 5. Explore More.** There are two good books on the book table that will help you explore in depth the Ten Commandments.

Kevin DeYoung: The 10 Commandments

Jen Wilkin: Ten Words to Live By