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The Ten Words

Understanding & Obeying the Ten Commandments

The Christian Life and the Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-2

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Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

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Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

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Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is

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within your gates.

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¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

¹³"You shall not murder.

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¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

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¹⁵“You shall not steal.

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Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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Why Study & Obey the 10 Commandments?

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**1: We Obey the 10 Commandments
Because of Who We Are**

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Exodus 20:2 (ESV)

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

G.K. Chesterton

"We might fancy some children playing on the flat grassy top of some tall island in the sea. So long as there was a wall round the cliff's edge they could fling themselves into every frantic game and make the place the noisiest of nurseries."

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G.K. Chesterton

“But the walls were knocked down, leaving the naked peril of the precipice. They did not fall over; but when their friends returned to them they were all huddled in terror in the centre of the island; and their song had ceased.”

1 John 5:2-3 (ESV)

²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1 John 5:2-3 (ESV)

³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

2: The 10 Commandments are Central to the Ethics of the New Testament

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Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

¹⁷And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

²⁰And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."

Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)

⁹For 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”.

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Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)

¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

1 Timothy 1:8-11 (ESV)

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

1 Timothy 1:8-11 (ESV)

⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers,

1 Timothy 1:8-11 (ESV)

¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

1 Timothy 1:8-11 (ESV)

¹¹in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)

²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.