

PURPOSE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

EXODUS 20:1-17

INTRODUCTION

- God gave the people of Israel the Ten Commandments to lead them in a life of practical holiness. Through Ten Commandments people could see the nature of God and His plan for how they should live.

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- Ten Commandments teaches us how to live a moral life in the world.
- Ten Commandments gives us the guidelines, how to relate with God and the people.

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- Jesus Christ summed up the Ten Commandments in Mt. 22:37-40 as “Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

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- The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
- As New Testament Christians we are no longer under the Law, but we should obey

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the Law of God because;

- God himself spoke these words.

Ex 20:1

- He has saved us. Ex 20:2

- Teaches us how to relate with God. Ex 20:3-11

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- Teaches us how to relate with the family and society. Ex 20:12-17
- The Ten commandments gives us the standard of the holiness of God.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- The first four commandments teaches us that, God should get the highest priority in our life and we should love Him with our total being.

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- I believe, these commandments are not only the commands but also the ways to love and prioritize God in our life.
- The first four commandments are as follow:

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1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall make no idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.

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- Keeping these commandments will make our relationship strong with God.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

- The obedience to commandment five to ten will make our relationship strong with our family and society.
- Next six commandments are as follow:

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5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.

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9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

10. You shall not covet.

If we truly love our family and our neighbors, we will not hurt them.

True love protects and provides.

CONCLUSION

- Ten commandments are given to us by God to help us to live a moral life and have a loving relationship with our savior, our family and our community.