

**"The Pentateuch"**  
**Exodus 20**  
**Wednesday May 6, 2009**

**1. Exodus 1-18 Redemption: The Lord Delivers His People**

**2. Exodus 19-24 Covenant: The Lord Claims His People**

Exodus 19:16-25 Reverence:

Ex 19:16

**Exodus 20:1-17 The Giving of The Law:**

The Purpose Of The Ten Commandments!

1. The Law reveals the character of God! God is holy He does not change; Exodus 19
2. To Express God's Will
3. To Convince Us That We Are Sinners That Need A Savior

Exodus 20:1-2 The Basis Of The Law: Exodus 20:1

1. God spoke all these words:
2. These are Commandments not suggestions!

In The Hebrew they are called, "The Ten Word's" "The Decalogue"

3. Written on stone to let us know that they do not change!

Ex 20:2

Who God Is: "I am the Lord your God,

What God did: who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...

Law Invites Grace -

Law Liberates -

Law Invites Gospel -

Hebrews 12:18-23

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Sin - is missing the mark; that is God's standard

Romans 3:23

The Commandments on the first tablet of stone, 1-4, deal with our relationship to God.

Exodus 20:3-17 The Meaning of The Law:

Commandment #1 (God's Preeminence) Who Must Be Worshipped: Ex 20:3

Positive - You will have Me!

Commandment #2 (His Person) How He Must Be Worshipped: Ex 20:4-6

Positive - We have the written word of God, and the living word of God

Commandment #3 (God's Reverence) God Must Be Worshipped Sincerely: Ex 20:7

Vain - In Hebrew literally means "for unreality." It speaks of idle, insincere, frivolous use of His name

Profane - comes from two Latin words. Pro - means "front of" fane - "means temple"; a word you would not use in church

Matthew 12:36-37

Positive - Hallowed be your name. We need to reverence His name; this will elevate our ground for loving Him.

Commandment #4 (God's Time) When God Should Be Worshipped: Ex 20:8-11

Positive - We can set aside time for the one we love. Invest time in Him, worship with others.

The Commandments on the second tablet of stone, 5-10, deal with our relationship to Man.

Commandment #5 (Parents) Obey and Honor Our Parents That God Has Given: Ex 20:12

Positive - Well being, long life, rich national grace, a social treasure

Commandment #6 (Life) We Need to Regard This Gift from God Called Life: Ex 20:13

Killing - "is unwitting and unintentional taking of life."

This is different from "Murder", which is "premeditating, a deliberateness, which is direct human will." It is teaching against murdering.

Positive - Need to work out offenses so that we don't develop hatred and malice.

Commandment #7 (Sexuality) Ex 20:14

Adultery (Involving a marriage partner, one or both), Fornication involving premarital or outside the bonds of marriage, and Lust that speaks of the heart and mind.

Hebrews 13:4

Positive - The blessing of loving your spouse, your children, your neighbors, the Church.

Commandment #8 (Property) Ex 20:15

Positive - Respecting other's property

Commandment #9 (Truth) Ex 20:16

Positive - Speaking the truth in love, brings glory to God, family Church and society.

Commandment #10 (Attitude) Being Content: Ex 20:17

Positive - It brings us to our knees; that we come to God and see self as we are and we covet the blessing of others

## **Exodus 20:18-26 The Construction of The Altar:**

Exodus 20:18-21 The Fear of The People:

Matt 19:14-15

Exodus 20:22-26 The Response of God:

### **Application:**

1. God Gave These Commandments.
2. These Commandments Were Meant To Be A Blessing Not A Burden.