

**Series "Ten Commandments"**  
**"Ten Rules For Life"**  
**Exodus 20:1-17**  
**Part-1**

Why would we want to teach on The Ten Commandments? It is so negative: "You shall not!"

James 2:17 – "Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself."

1. Should We Study The Ten Commandments?
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3. The Background For The Commandments
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1. Should We Study The Ten Commandments?

**We Should Study The Ten Commandments:**

- 1. We Are Living In A Time Of Moral Decline**
- 2. Because Of Ignorance**
- 3. Crisis In Ethics**

Relativism – "knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and are not absolute."

- 4. Law Invites Grace** – Israel had become a nation by God. God had delivered them supernaturally. After seeing all that God had done, we should love to obey Him, Exodus 20: 1-2.
- 5. Law Invites Gospel** – The Law exposes how sinful we are, Ecclesiastes 12: 13.

In a society where God is rejected, the society looks at people as things not persons. **Reverence for God and respect for man must go together.**

2. Should We Obey The Ten Commandments?

Exodus 20: 1-2

### **3 Reasons Why We Should Obey The Ten Commandments:**

- 1. Divine Authority** – God Spoke These Words: “God spoke all these words,” – These sayings are not from man but through God! They are divine!

Deuteronomy 8:3

- 2. Directives – God-Given Commandments:** Commandments Are The Perfect Expression of His Love.

In The Hebrew, they are called, “The Ten Words” or “The Decalogue.”

These “Ten Words” or Commandments are universal.

Romans 8:4

- 3. Permanent – Written On Stone, They Will Not Change.**

“The Universal Foundation For All Ethics;” Basic law of human conduct in society.

Romans 6:14-15 – The context: Paul said we gave ourselves with everything when in the world, now give all to God for righteousness!

Matthew 5:17

Romans 6:1-2

### **3. The Background For The Commandments:**

Exodus 19:1-3 – It has been three months; God wants to speak a message to His people.

Exodus 19:4-6 – God Renews His Covenant With His People.

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 – Love God through obedience!

The foundation for the whole Law itself is “The Ten Commandments, The Ten Words of God, The Decalogue.” – “There can be no community without law.”

### **4. The Purpose Of The Ten Commandments:**

**There are 3 important purposes for the Ten Commandments:**

- 1. The Law Reveals The Character of God:** God is holy; He does not change, Exodus 19.
- 2. The Law Expresses God's Will.**
- 3. To Convince Us That We Are Sinners; That We Need A Savior.**

Sin – is missing the mark. That is God's standard.

Romans 3:23 – "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

## **5. The Ten Commandments:**

The Commandments on the First Tablet of Stone, 1-4, Deal with our relationship to God.

The Commandments on the Second Tablet of Stone, 5-10, Deal with our relationship to Man.

Matthew 22:36-38 – Our relationship to God

Matthew 22:39-40 – Our relationship to Man

**Commandment #1 (Loving God)** – Exodus 20:3 – This speaks of the Preeminence of God.

Positive – You will have God!

**Commandment #2 (The Invisible God)** – Exodus 20:4-6

Positive – We have the written Word of God, and the living Word of God.

**Commandment #3 (In The Name Of God)** – Exodus 20:7

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

**Commandment #4 (Time)** – Exodus 20:8-11

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

**Commandment #5 (Parents)** – Exodus 20:12

God says be obedient to parents in the growing years, and respect in the mature years.

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

**Commandment #6 (Life Is Sacred)** – Exodus 20: 13

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

**Commandment #7 (Men, Women and God)** – Exodus 20: 14

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

**Commandment #8 (Property)** – Exodus 20: 15

Positive – Respecting others property.

**Commandment #9 (Truth)** – Exodus 20: 16

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

**Commandment #10 (Wrong Desire)** – Exodus 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. Covet – Shall be content.

James 2: 10

**Application:**

1. "Those who cannot rule themselves end up by being ruled, in some way or other."
2. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly, He comes to bring salvation, Galatians 3: 24.