

## EXODUS: GOD'S POWER, PRESENCE, AND PURPOSE REVEALED, PART 2

### Week 3: The 10 Commandments

#### *Exodus 20:1-17*

**Main Idea:** The Ten Commandments are God's instructions on how to fully enjoy the benefits of being His covenant people. His law is for our good!

**I. You shall have no other God's before me.**

- a. Positive command: "You shall worship me \_\_\_\_\_ and wholeheartedly"
- b. Is. 45:18, Ps. 86:11

**II. You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

- a. No visual representations of the Lord are allowed, even if they are intended to aid in worship.
- b. Positive command: "Worship the \_\_\_\_\_ God in the \_\_\_\_\_."

**III. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

- a. Positive command: Engage your mouth in \_\_\_\_\_ adoration of the Lord that \_\_\_\_\_ Him and communicates who He really is.
- b.

**IV. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

- a. Mark 2:27
- b. The Sabbath is not to be thought of as a lazy day, but rather a \_\_\_\_\_ day; a day to stop our ordinary labors as much as possible in order to rest physically and reflect spiritually.

**V. Honor your father and mother.**

**VI. You shall not murder.**

- a. Matthew 5:22
- b. Positive command: Value, nurture, and protect others as people made in the image of God and therefore precious to God, regardless of personal feelings or cultural prejudice.

**VII. You shall not commit adultery.**

- a. Matthew 5:27, 28
- b. Positive command: Prevent adultery by \_\_\_\_\_ in your marriage. Also, honor your neighbor's marriage by establishing appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ with men.

**VIII. You shall not steal.**

- a. Positive command: Honor your neighbor's stuff. Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Instead of asking, "What can I take?" God's people should be asking, "What can I \_\_\_\_\_?"

**IX. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

- a. Positive command: Honor your neighbor's \_\_\_\_\_ by telling the truth.

**X. You shall not covet.**

- a. Positive command: Be \_\_\_\_\_!
- b. Our greatest weapon against coveting/discontentment is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Time to "marinate":**

- 1) What stood out to you the most from today's lesson and why?
- 2) Why is it important to remember that God delivered Israel from slavery first, then gave them the Ten Commandments?
- 3) How does our obedience to the first four "vertical" commandments impact our obedience to the last 6 "horizontal" commandments?
- 4) Why does the perfect righteousness found in the Ten Commandments cause people to lose hope? What restores that hope?