

God Gives The Ten Commandments

January 27, 2021

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:1-17

Related Scriptures: Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Exodus 31:18; 32:1-20; 34:1-26; Romans 13:8-10; Romans 6:14; Genesis 3:24-25; Matthew 5:17-48

Place: Mount Sinai

Lesson Outline: (I) First Table Of The Law Exodus 20:1-20
(II) Second Table Of The Law Exodus 20:12-17

INTRODUCTION

Laws are essential to society. Apart from laws, and their proper administration, and enforcement, life becomes chaotic, and unsafe. Brute power alone determines who succeeds, and who suffers, therefore right, and wrong becomes nothing more than the individual choices or opinions. The book of Judges describes the result: in which every man did what was right in his own eyes. Such lawless places still exist in our world today. They can hardly be called nations, and they are the kinds of places where no one wants to live. God created us to live in community with one another. This requires government, and laws. And laws cannot be arbitrary; they must have a moral base. When God formed the ancient nation Israel, God Himself wrote the constitution. It is called the Mosaic Law. Even though we do not live in the ancient Israel or under its constitution, this law has much to teach us about God, and about how we should live today.

QUESTIONS

- (1) What way did the law serve as Israel's constitution? and Why?
- (2) How does the Mosaic Law apply to us today since we're not under the Mosaic Law?
- (3) How did God establish Israel's obligation to obey His command? and Why?
- (4) How many **tables/parts** of the **Ten-commandments**? what does each table/part address or concern they meet?
- (5) What is prohibited in the second commandment? and Why?
- (6) What ways can people use God's name in "vain"?
- (7) What two basic principles does the Sabbath in **Exodus 20:8-11** have in common with **Mark 2:27**? and Why?
- (8) What other way to translate "**Thou Shall Not Kill**"? and why it's a commandment of God?
- (9) What was the penalty under the **OT** law for adultery? and why should we remember it?
- (10) How does the **Tenth Commandments** relate to the preceding nine commands, and why?

APPLICATION

In all our teaching of spiritual truth, we need to apply all the scriptures we can bring to bear on each subject we teach. This seems almost impossible at times to accomplish, due to the sheer size, and the complexity of the scriptures. Yet the Ten Commandments that God gave to Israel are a part of our heritage, and spiritual equipment as Christians.

In clarity, and perfection, the Ten Commandments are the best rules for governing one's conduct that have ever been given at any time, from any source. Some people may misapply them, but the New Testament guides us all in their correct application. They are an essential part of the scriptures that the Lord Jesus said testified of Him. The "Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ that we might be justified by Faith, but after that Faith is come we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

CONCLUSION

In the book of Matthew the Lord Jesus speaks on the substance of the law, and it's correct application today. Jesus said He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. When we trust in our Lord Jesus Christ we have fulfilled the law in Him. We cannot take any credit for doing it, for it is His righteousness that covers us.

We are called to carry out the will of God, including the obeying of His commandments, and instructions. **Romans 13:8-10** affirms that we fulfill God's commandments when we love our neighbor as ourselves. We are to be salt, and light in this world. When we act in Christian love we shine God's light in a dark world.