

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-21

Key Verse: 20:2

1. Read verses 1-2. Who is the author of the 10 commandments? What reveals that God's grace is the foundation of these commandments? Why does God identify himself as "the Lord your God?" (Ex 3:14-15; 6:6-8)
2. Read verses 3-6. What does the 1st commandment forbid? What does this mean to have other gods before or beside God? What is idolatry?
3. What does the second commandment forbid (vs 4-6)? How does this reinforce the first command? Why is idolatry in all its forms so offensive to God? What are the consequences of offending God in this way? Why the generational punishment and blessing? How do we show love for God? (Jn 14:23,24) What does God do for those who love him?
4. Read verses 7-11. What does it mean to misuse God's name? Why does God not excuse this? What is the basis of the 4th commandment?(8-11; Ge 2:2-3) What is commanded and what is forbidden? What did Jesus teach? (Mk 2:27-28)
5. Read verses 12-17. What is the promise connected to the 5th commandment? How do we honor our parents? Dishonor them? What does the 6th commandment forbid? (13) The 7th (14) The 8th (15) How did Jesus expand the meaning of these commands? (Mt 5:21-22; 27-28; Mt 6:19-21,24-25; 1Ti 6:10)
6. What does the 9th?(16) command forbid? How did the New Testament expand its meaning?(Mt 7:1-3) (2Ti 3:1-4)(2Cor 12:20) What is the 10th commandment? (17) How is it different? What did this command mean to Paul? (Ro 7:7-8) What is the purpose of the Law?(Ro 3:20) What is the positive side of all of the commands? (Lk 10:27)
7. Read verses 18-21. What should we learn here about the awesomeness of God and the attitude we should have when we approach him? Why should we fear God? (Prov 9:10)