

Reflection Questions January 28, 2024 The Decalogue - Introduction Exodus 20:1-2

Used properly, the 10 Commandments reveal God's righteousness, exposes our sinfulness, and leads us to Christ for justification. There is transformational power and freedom found in obeying God's law through the lens of grace.

## **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. How should we understand the importance and seriousness of God's law? Do you think we often underestimate the significance of God's law in our lives?
- 2. Two errors with regard to the use of God's law are antinomianism, and legalism. Have you encountered either of these attitudes within yourself or others? How can we strike a balanced and biblical view of God's law?
- 3. It is important to understand the distinction between the three divisions of the Old Testament law: moral, civil, and ceremonial. How does understanding these divisions help us interpret and apply God's law today?
- 4. For believers, purpose of the law is to expose our sinfulness and point us to Christ for justification. How does the law show us our need for a Savior? In what ways does Christ fulfill the law?
- 5. How can the law be both condemning and freeing? How do you reconcile these seemingly contradictory ideas? In what ways does living in accordance with God's law bring freedom and blessing?
- 6. The law reveals both the outward commands and inward demands of God. How does this perspective challenge your thinking about obedience to God's law and the condition of your heart?
- 7. Scripture reminds us of the importance of loving God's law and living according to it by His grace. How can we cultivate a deeper love for God's law in our own lives? What practical steps can we take to align our hearts and actions with His commands?