

“The 10 Commandments, pt 1” • Exodus 20:1–6, 18–26

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Paul said, “the Law is good” (Romans 7:12). As believers in Christ, we aren’t justified by the Law—so how is it good? Why should we study it?

1 • The Moral Laws are always in effect, like gravity. We study them to avoid pain and problems!

Break them, and you suffer _____

2 • The Ceremonial Laws guided Israel’s worship of God. We are no longer obligated to follow

these, but we study them because they _____

3 • The Civil Laws of Israel governed their camp and national life. These display God’s amazing

_____ for His people, but they aren’t for us!

4 • The Law (all of it), is the measuring stick of Jesus’ perfection, so we study them to _____

5 • The Law was meant to drive people to God in faith; not to give them something to boast about. In the same way, we must let the law _____ (Galatians 3:24 & Matt. 5:17–18)

The First Command • “You shall have no other gods before Me”

(Israel forever struggled with this! Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21)

Personal Reflection & Discussion

We can’t serve two masters (Matthew 6:24)

What are the false gods of this world?

Which do you struggle with?

Will you choose today whom you will serve?

What action do you need to take to carry this out?

Vs 18–21 • God intended the awe of Sinai to *help them* reject the false gods; yet they *drew back in terror*. God has given us another mountain: *Calvary!*—where His awesome love and mercy *draw us to Him!* The KEY to rejecting the false gods of this world is to _____ !

The Second Command • “You shall not make for yourself an idol”

Vs 4–5 • “Idol” = “carved thing”

First, an idol of Yahweh is way off because _____ (John 4:23–24)

Second, an idol of a false god is foolish because _____

“Bowling down to” & “Serving” and idol is foolish because it is _____

But Christians must be on guard against idols (1 John 5:21)

How can you tell if something in your life or church has become an idol?

“Jealous God” speaks NOT of ugly, petty obsession, but of _____

Vs 6 • The magnitude of God’s justice defines the magnitude of His _____

Vs 22–23 • Repeating: *Have no other gods and make no idols!*

Vs 24–26 • But they are to make altars to worship God—but only with _____ stones!

Meaning: _____

