

10 surprising realities about the 10 commandments

Surprise #1

The commandments start with **God**
and not you.

*“I am the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery.”*

Exodus 20:2

- (1) Who God is - I am the LORD your God**
- (2) What He has done - who brought you out of... slavery**
- (3) What we are commanded to do...**

Surprise #2

God's **law** reveals God's **love**.

You shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:3

Galatians 5:14 “For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Surprise #3

Ten can be summarized into **two**...

Matthew 22:37-40 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Surprise #4

The first two commandments are
all about worship.

Exodus 20:3-4 “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Surprise #5

Taking the Lord's name in vain
goes **beyond profanity**

*“You shall not take the name of the LORD
your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold
him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

Exodus 20:7

Surprise #6

Sabbath is not just about self-care,
it's soul keeping.

Exodus 20:8-10 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath **to the LORD your God.**”

Surprise #7

Honoring dad and
long days?

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

Surprise #8

God's commands are an extension
of **God's character**.

Exodus 20:13-16

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Surprise #9

Purpose #1 of the commandments:
not perfection but apprehension.

*“Through the law, we become
aware of our sin.”*

Romans 3:20

Surprise #10

Purpose #2 of the commandments:
provision & protection.

Jeremiah 31:33

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Testimony