

The Ten Words



Exodus 20.1-17

1

What do the Ten Words do?

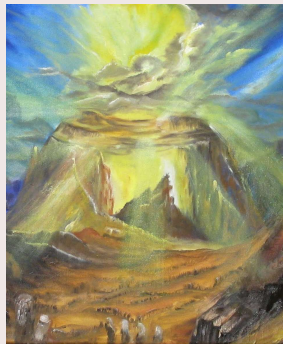
- They express the boundaries of our relationship with our Creator and Savior.
- They are a paradigm rather than a regulation.
- They show that the law is oriented toward the heart, not just externals.



2

Loving God

- God alone is the one we must worship.
- God is too worthy for small worship.
- God's name is too worthy to use casually.
- We honor God by resting in God.



3

Loving Others

- Our care for parents reflects our love of God.
- We are defenders of life.
- We value fidelity in marriage.
- We respect others in part by respecting their property
- We value honesty as a bedrock value.
- We are shaped by our desires

4



The law orients us toward God, and exposes our need for a savior.

5
