



EXODUS

PART TWO



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-26

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 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. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 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."

“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. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 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."

Matthew 22:34-40

“God’s moral law went all the way back to the Garden of Eden, where God told Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve were ruled by these basic principles: love for God and love for one another. They were obligated to honor one another, to preserve life, and to tell the truth — the kind of conduct later mandated on Mount Sinai. And in their first sin, Adam and Eve managed to violate nearly all ten of God’s basic rules. Taking the forbidden fruit was a theft, stimulated by a covetous desire, based on a lie about God’s character. Eating it was a way of having another god. It was also tantamount to murder because it led to the death of the entire human race.”

Philip Ryken

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
You shall have no other gods before me.”

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“Whatever thy heart clings to and relies upon,
that is properly thy God.”

Martin Luther

“If anything becomes more fundamental
than God to your happiness, meaning in life,
and identity, then it is an idol.”

Tim Keller

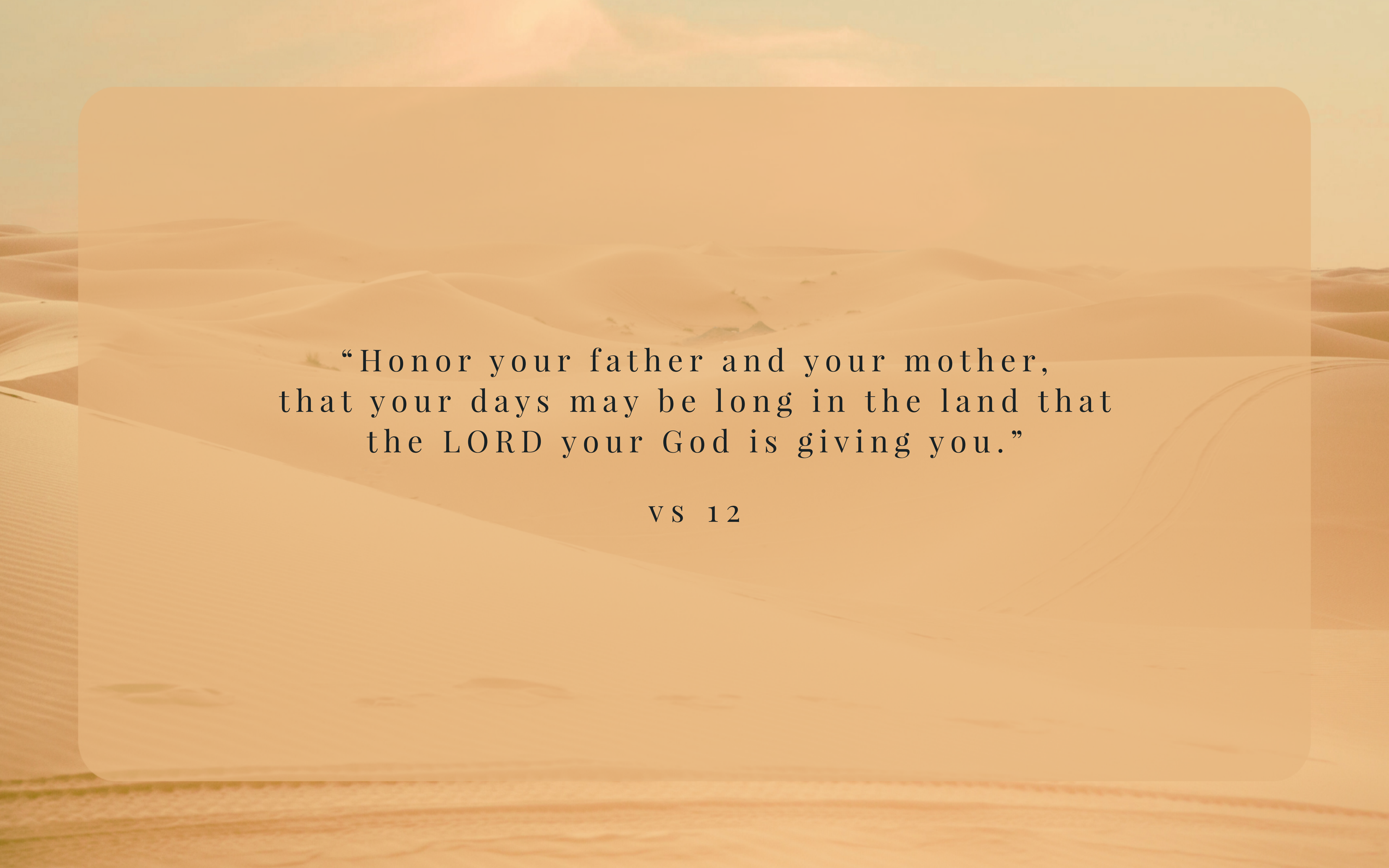
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him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

V S 7

“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. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

V V 8 - 11



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that your days may be long in the land that
the LORD your God is giving you.”

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“You shall not murder.”

V S 13



“You shall not commit adultery.”

V S 14



“You shall not steal.”

VS 15



“You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.”

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V S 17

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

V V 18 - 21

And the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it. And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.’”

For by works of the law
no human being will be
justified in his sight,
since through the law
comes knowledge of sin.

R o m a n s 3 : 2 0

Yet if it had not been
for the law, I would
not have known sin.
For I would not have
known what it is to
covet if the law had
not said, "You shall
not covet." But sin,
seizing an
opportunity through
the commandment,
produced in me all
kinds of covetousness.

R o m a n s 7 : 7 - 8



Run, John, run, the law commands
But gives us neither feet nor hands

“Not until the law has bruised and smitten us will we admit our need of the gospel to bind up our wounds. Not until the law has arrested and imprisoned us will we long for Christ to set us free. Not until the law has condemned and killed us will we call upon Christ for justification and life. Not until the law has driven us to despair of ourselves will we ever believe in Jesus. Not until the law has humbled us even to hell will we turn to the gospel to raise us to heaven.”


John Stott

And you, who were dead in your trespasses
and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made
alive together with him, having forgiven us
all our trespasses, by canceling the record of
debt that stood against us with its legal demands.
This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For 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. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34



Run, John, run, the law commands
But gives us neither feet nor hands,
Far better news the gospel brings:
It bids us fly and gives us wings.



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