

## The Ten Commandments - Part 2: Voice of the Lord, Intro to the First Commandment, Out of Egypt (1/12/2022)

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We are going to continue this new series on the Ten Commandments. I believe that this is a subject that needs to be brought to the forefront right now in light of everything that we see happening in this country, throughout the world and within the church itself.

The spirit of antichrist has been unleashed on the world and the church. He is wreaking havoc! One of the primary targets of the spirit of antichrist is the “Aseret ha-D'varîm”, the Ten Commandments. He is going out with a vengeance! He doesn't want you to see them. He doesn't want you to hear about them. He doesn't want you to teach them, and he certainly doesn't want them embedded within your own heart. He will use his entire arsenal to ensure that the Word of the Lord does not get to you.

So, in light of that, we are going to press into this discussion further and glean as much as we can because we are living in a generation right now, I mean this very moment, that **if it were possible even the elect could be deceived (Matthew 24:24)**. The deception is over the top! People that believe they are fundamentally, absolutely, biblically solid are totally deceived. This is scary! This is Matthew 7!

We will start digging into this by reading in Deuteronomy 4:34 where Moses gives some commentary. He reminds Israel of their awe-inspiring experience with the Lord. He describes it this way. This is what he says — **Did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation – The answer is rhetorical - ‘No’ - by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt – and then he says this - **before your eyes?** (emphasis added)**. In other words, Oh Israel, listen up! You are witnesses! You have seen with your own eyes what God has done for you! Think about what Israel saw for a moment.

From the very beginning, Moses and Aaron are sent to deliver the message that God is coming to deliver them out of Egypt. God did not send Moses and Aaron empty-handed. He sent them with signs and wonders. When they threw a staff down, it turned into a serpent. When they picked it back up, it turned back into a staff. They saw this with their own eyes. Sometimes we so flippantly read through these signs and do not ponder them, but if that were to happen today, it would captivate each and every one of us.

If Moses put his hand out and said, “Look, this is a normal hand” and then put his hand in his bosom and pulled it back out and it was totally leprous that would disturb some people. It's frightening! And what if this Moses put his hand back in his bosom and pulled it back out and it was totally healed? Or what if

Moses grabbed a bucket of water from the river, poured it out on dry land, and it became blood? This was so compelling that we are told in scripture that because Moses and Aaron performed these signs, Israel believed.

But now move forward and watch what Israel saw as God unleashed hell on Egypt and pounded Egypt with plague after plague after plague. They witnessed this! They saw the whole thing! They are up to their eyeballs in the supernatural! So much of this exodus parallels end-time events. It is a foreshadow. Think of how the sun was darkened for three days. It is a darkness that could be felt. Here is what is amazing; Israel witnessed that! Where Israel was, there was light. Israel saw how God supernaturally totally protected them during the last seven plagues that were poured out on Egypt.

Let us emphasize the final plague, the death of the firstborn. Israel applied the blood of the lamb on the doors because they were told to do this so that they would be protected and the death angel would keep going. They do this only to wake up to screams of horror throughout the entire land. There was weeping and agony because in every single house there was one dead, and yet no one died in Israel because of the blood of the lamb.

This is a nation that is immersed in the supernatural. They have seen it all. And if that wasn't enough, they plundered the Egyptians as they went out of Egypt. Israel asked the Egyptians for silver and gold, and they gave it to them.

Then Israel arrived at the Red Sea. They were in trouble. The way they saw it in their own eyes is that there was no hope. There was an army of the Egyptians that had changed their mind and did not want to let them go. The army was coming, and Israel was going to be slaughtered. Then God did something that Israel could not have ever dreamed. He parted the Red Sea! An entire nation of about two million people crossed the sea with water as a wall on the left and water as a wall on their right. Unreal! They had never seen anything like this in their lives! Once they were across, they turned around and saw the Egyptian army coming after them. Then God closed down the walls of water. The walls came tumbling down, and He literally destroyed the entire Egyptian army and Israel did not lift a finger. This is what Israel went through. They were living in the supernatural!

But everything Israel had experienced pales in comparison to what they are about to experience at Mount Sinai. Why? Because God Himself is going to meet with them. God Himself is going to speak to them face to face. It is going to be the most moving event they have ever known, the most intense moment of their entire life. Every man, woman and child is going to hear from God Himself. This is not Moses. This is an incredible thing.

Let us put this into context by reading Psalms 29:3-5. We are going to learn something about the voice of the Lord. You need to retain this because this has everything to do with Mount Sinai and appreciating what's going on — <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. In other words, when the Lord opens his mouth, he strips these massive cedars and turns them into dust. This is the voice of the Lord.

In verses 7-9 — <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire. In other words, it hews out. When God opens his mouth, lightning comes forth. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes

the Wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

This is what Israel experienced at Mount Sinai as the mountain was burning with fire and the smoke was billowing out. God opened his mouth, and peals of thunder went forth shaking the entire ground. This is what they experienced, and this is how they responded to this experience:

In Deuteronomy 5:23-25, we read this — <sup>23</sup> So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. <sup>24</sup> And you said: ‘Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; **if we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, then we shall die** (*emphasis added*).

His voice was too majestic. It was too awesome. It was too holy. It was too overwhelming to the point that Israel bartered an agreement with Moses: Moses, you speak with us and we will hear, but let not God speak with us because we are as good as dead. This is the response of Israel upon hearing the voice of the Lord. They actually asked to make it stop.

That is a little bit ironic, don't you think? I am going to make an assumption that many of you in your prayer closets have longed for, yearned for and desired to hear the voice of God. Maybe some of you are praying, Lord, just speak to me audibly. Well, Israel heard it and how did that go? We might want to be careful about what we pray and understand what we pray for.

The bottom line is that Israel experienced the voice of the Lord. It was awesome and powerful. They were terrified to the core, but now you have to ask the question, “Okay, what did God say?” And the simple answer is He said the Ten Commandments, the “Aseret ha-D'varîm.”

What's interesting is this most unique situation where God Himself, not through a mediator, comes down to speak face to face with Israel for them to hear His own voice. And God could have said anything, but He doesn't. God focuses on the Ten Commandments. This is what He chooses to speak. He doesn't want these words to come through the mouth of Moses. He wants all of Israel to hear them from His mouth. Now that should be startling!

God is highlighting the Ten Commandments, giving special attention to them so as to intrigue us and draw us in to investigate. They are to have special attention in our heart. They were given a special place to be housed. Do you know where they were? They were in the “Kodesh Ha’Kodashim”, the Holy of Holies. And the Ark of the Covenant was what? The Ten Commandments. Do you think the Lord might be trying to tell us something?

I think about the Ten Commandments. I think about First Samuel and how the Philistines took the Ark of the Lord. That did not work out so well. As the Lord poured out his wrath on them, they decided to give the ark back to Israel thinking they were good. As they gave the ark back to Israel, it came to Beth Shemesh and the inhabitants looked inside the ark. What did they see? They saw the “Aseret ha-D'varîm”, the Ten Commandments. What happened? They were all killed. Fifty thousand were plagued by God because they looked in and saw the Ten Commandments. Now that is mind blowing! So, when Israel heard the voice of the Lord speaking the Ten Commandments and said that it has to stop or we will all die...it's fascinating to me! This is heavy stuff!

I want to build on this. I want to take you back to the garden of Eden to the time after Adam and Eve sinned. What happened when they sinned? Their eyes were opened and they were naked. What did Adam and Eve do? They covered their nakedness by sewing fig leaves together. They were uncomfortable.

In Genesis 3:8 it says — **they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden** (*emphasis added*). The term for sound in the Hebrew is “qowl”. Hundreds of times it is translated as voice. The natural way to translate the Hebrew word qowl in today's English would be “voice”.

That's exactly how they translate it in the Targums. So, the Targum says — **they heard the voice of the word of the Lord God walking in the garden** (*emphasis added*). This is one of those amazing cases of the Memra, the Word of the Lord God. It doesn't just say the sound of the Lord God. No, it says the voice of the Word of the Lord God which shows you a revelation of Yeshua, the Messiah who is the Word that was made flesh. That is a side note, but the point I want you to see is they heard His voice. I know it sounds peculiar to say the voice was walking in the garden, but as we continue it gets a little bit clearer.

In verse 9 we read this — <sup>9</sup> **Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”** <sup>10</sup> **So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”** (*emphasis added*). Hold on a second. He wasn't naked. Adam and Eve clothed themselves with garments of fig leaves. Isn't this interesting! The moment God speaks, they tremble and every imperfection in the mortal body is exposed instantaneously. They were scared. They heard the voice.

Isn't that interesting because we are seeing a pattern develop in scripture. Israel is at the foot of the mountain. They hear the voice of God and they're terrified and ask to make it stop. Adam and Eve hear the same voice, and they run and hide. Do you understand when God speaks the holiness that is involved? The holiness that sweeps over you is overwhelming!

In reading Job 42:5-6, you see that Job had a similar experience. Job says to the Lord — <sup>5</sup> **“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.** <sup>6</sup> **Therefore, I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes”** (*emphasis added*). Job was suffering. He didn't see all the spiritual warfare that was going on in his life. He didn't know the adversary had targeted him and was tearing him up because the Lord challenged him. He didn't see all of the stuff going on in the backdraft. All Job sees is his suffering. He sees friends that are not helpful, not very encouraging, trying to lecture him during this time. He is absolutely beside himself. He literally comes out and says, cursed is the day I was born. He wished that day never existed. As he is going through his diatribe, the Lord presents himself to Job in a whirlwind and speaks to Job. When Job hears the voice of God, this is his response: **I abhor myself.**

Talk about holiness. God spoke and that was it. Job was a man full of righteousness and holiness that did not denounce God but blessed God despite all the trials and tribulations he went through. Yet the second the voice of the Lord comes over him, he loathes himself! That should terrify you! Talk about putting the voice of the Lord into perspective.

“**Yesha'yahu**”, Isaiah 6:1 says this — **In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple.** Isaiah had this encounter. From John 12, we know this was Yeshua that Isaiah caught witness of.

In verse 5 we read — **So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”**

(*Emphasis added*). Isaiah had this experience with the Lord, and all he said was, “I am undone! I am unclean!” And he was a righteous prophet of God.

I wonder what you would say if you had an experience like this. What would be your response when unbelievable holiness is presented to you and comes over you like a wave?

We are dealing with the voice of the Lord when we think of Mount Sinai. We need to have an appreciation. If we're going to dig into the Ten Commandments, we need to have some serious reverence for what we're about to dig into because this is as serious as it gets.

So, with that said, let's jump into Exodus 20:1 — <sup>1</sup> **And God spoke all these words, saying:** Now listen to me because what we are about to read is going to change the way you read the Ten Commandments. It will change the way you understand and apply them. I kid you not.

Look at the next statement — <sup>2</sup> **I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.** The very first words that Israel heard come forth out of the Lord's mouth was not a “thou shalt not”. It actually is a declaration. Without this declaration everything that follows, the commandments, the purpose and understanding of them and the motivation to keep them, falls apart. It is such a tragedy that people fly over this little statement because without it you will have no understanding and your theology is in jeopardy. This is hugely significant. I can't overemphasize the importance of this statement.

What is God saying? **I am the LORD your God. I brought you out of the land of Egypt.** The first thing He does is identify that He is God. Then He tells them why and defines who He is: **I am the one who brought you out of the land of Egypt and out of the house of bondage.** This is why He is their God. In other words, I am your Savior; I am your deliverer; I am the one who set you free from Pharaoh who tormented you, put you in prison, beat and tortured you, was no friend, was an absolute enemy to you and was horrible to you. I came and broke the pride of his power. I broke his authority that he had over you. You did not have strength to leave Egypt. Only I have that strength. You are only here because of what I have done.

Do you understand what the very first statement that the Lord makes in the “Aseret ha-D'varim”, Ten Commandments is about? It's about grace. My grace, my mercy, my lovingkindness has been poured out on you. You want to talk about radically changing your theology? This will do it.

Please listen carefully. He starts here intentionally because this specifically sets the whole context for what is to follow. In other words, because of my grace, because of my faithfulness, because my mercy is poured out on you, you will do these commandments. Isn't that interesting? Think of that narrative. Think about what's being described right here. Because of grace, we are called to obedience.

That is the exact opposite narrative of what the church is being sold today. The narrative that's being sold today is something like this, and I know you've heard it: If you try to submit or think that you're obligated to keep the law of God, the commandments of God, and if you strive to obey God's law, you are rejecting the grace of God. This is what we are being told. This is what is being peddled. This is absolutely horrifying.

The great perverter has gone out. This is why I am telling you that he is going after the Ten Commandments. He's flipped this narrative up on its head. When in fact, out of God's own mouth, He declares it is because of grace that you are called to obey. Change your theology.

I am going to support this so you can understand. Some will say, "Daniel, you know you're interpreting or interpolating something that isn't there". Well, I am going to show you this is everywhere in scripture -- Old Testament and New Testament. God established at Mount Sinai that it is because of grace that we should obey. We are to be the living memorial of grace. We testify to grace when we obey. That's the reality.

Check this out. In Exodus 13:7-8 we read — <sup>7</sup> **Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters.** <sup>8</sup> **And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, "This is done because of what the LORD did for me when I came up out of Egypt"** (*emphasis added*). Because He showed me mercy; because He broke us out of prison; because He broke the pride and the power of Pharaoh, of HaSatan; therefore, I do this. Israel was to be a living memorial to the grace of God and the acts of obedience. This is scripture.

Deuteronomy 5:15. Keep in mind that Moses is going through the Ten Commandments. He is in the fourth commandment, Remember the Sabbath day, when he says, — <sup>15</sup> **remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt**, Interesting! You were a slave. You were in bondage and—**the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm**; You were delivered. You were saved. God's grace poured out. **Therefore, the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Shabbat** (*emphasis added*). That's why we are commanded. That's why we are to be diligent. That's why we are to be obedient. Because we are testifying of God's goodness. It's a thanksgiving sacrifice.

Deuteronomy 6:20 — <sup>20</sup> **When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies,** (*emphasis added*) literally a reference to the Ten Commandments. You are going to have those times when your young kid says, "I want to go here, I want to go to the mall". You would reply that it's the Shabbat. They may ask, why do we have to keep the Shabbat? Or you can pick any other commandment like, why do I have to honor you, mom and dad? These are questions that kids may be asking: **What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?**

And this is the response: **Then you shall say to your son**, because we are legalistic and we are trying to earn our salvation. This is **not** what Deuteronomy 6:21 says. I put this up here because this is what the devil wants you to believe. Let's look at what it really says:

It says this — <sup>21</sup> **then you shall say to your son; 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with the mighty hand'**. Because He delivered us; He saved us; He is our Savior; our Redeemer; He set us free from prison; He poured out his grace. That's why we are doing this. That's why we are applying ourselves. We are yielding and submitting to the Ten Commandments.

Jumping ahead, Deuteronomy 26:17 — <sup>17</sup> **Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice** (*emphasis added*). I love this passage because Deuteronomy 26 is the gospel. So, Israel has come out and confessed the Lord. And we know in Joel 2:32 — **whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.**



I love what Paul says in talking about the gospel in Romans 10:9 — **If you confess with your mouth the Lord Yeshua and believe in your heart that God raised Him from dead, you will be saved.** In other words, the moment you give your heart to the Lord and call upon His name, even though you may not know anything about the Bible or His commandments, but the moment you call upon the name of Yeshua and say, “Yeshua, I don't know much, but I know I am a sinner. I need to repent. I need you,” you are saved and enter into salvation.

You want proof of this, because the very next thing that we read in Deuteronomy 26 is the following — **<sup>18</sup> Also today, the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people,** The very day that Israel proclaims the Lord to be their God is the day that He proclaims them to be His people. Welcome to the gospel! This is the truth! And notice the term “His special people”. Remember that, because you will need that in a moment. Now look at what is said next — **that you should keep all his commandments** (*emphasis added*). That's the point. You are entering into grace, a state of mercy, a state of forgiveness and redemption for this purpose: so that you will keep His commandments. You might say, “Daniel everything you are showing us is just Old Covenant. This is Old Testament stuff.” No, it's not.

Going to the New Testament - Titus 2:11-12 — **<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God, - Yeshua - that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that....** It teaches us something. We are supposed to be taught by grace. It will impact your life. If you receive grace, you will not be the same person because it teaches you **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age** - Total radical heart transformation. Now I am walking in righteousness and I wasn't before.

Verse 13 — **<sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Messiah Yeshua <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself - oh interesting - His own special people** (*emphasis added*). The exact same statement we find in the Torah that's made the day that you proclaim Him to be your Savior is the day you become saved. And the day the Lord looks at you as “His own special people”. But remember as soon as it said “His own special people” back in Deuteronomy 26, the very next thing that followed was that you should keep all his commandments. I wonder, does Paul follow the same rule of law? Oh, he does, and to be **zealous for good works** (*emphasis added*). He says the exact same thing: There were to be these special people for a purpose, called to be holy.

Psalms 119:88 and you know this is one of my favorites. **Revive me**, “hayeni” taken in context means “you are dead.” The psalmist is saying, I am a dead man; I need to be revived; I need to be brought to life; I need to be born again. “Hayeni”, revive me according to your what? How does this psalmist think he is going to be saved? By the mercy of God, **according to His loving kindness.** Oh, it's interesting, then it goes on and says **so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth** (*emphasis added*). Again, we find that word “edut”, testimony. This is a direct reference to the Ten Commandments. Save me, oh God, so that I can obey you; so that I can follow you; so that I can walk in your righteousness. This is the whole concept.

Leviticus 11:45 - **For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God.** Again, I have saved you. I have redeemed you. He keeps playing this over and over again. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy** (*emphasis added*). Do you see this? Obedience is the expectation of someone who's actually a recipient of grace, who receives the beautiful grace, who receives Yeshua as Lord.

Peter pulls from this. He says in 1 Peter 1:13-16 — **<sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Messiah Yeshua.**

How do we rest our hope fully upon the grace? How do we do that? <sup>14</sup> **As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts as in your ignorance** (*emphasis added*). Don't be a dog returning to its vomit. That is not someone who has legitimately received grace. They are no testimony of the redemption and mercy of God. He goes on in verse 15, <sup>15</sup> **but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct** <sup>16</sup> **because it is written be holy, for I am holy**. Peter draws exactly from the Torah, exactly where we were. This is the concept. This is the calling.

Paul says to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:19 — **Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity** (*emphasis added*). You receive Christ, who we are told in Titus 2:11-13 that He is the grace of God. If you receive the grace of God, you must depart from sin, iniquity. What is that? It is lawlessness. You can no longer walk in lawlessness. You can't walk in disobedience. You certainly can't walk according to the dictates of your own evil heart. You can't trust your heart.

But to do all of this, here's what's scary: you actually have to listen to the Word. You have to allow the Word to be the authority over you and to submit to that Word. You have to do it.

Let's go here. 1 John 3:3 — **and everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure**. It is said so many different ways, it's not even funny. If I say I have hope in Christ, Yeshua/Jesus is my master, my Savior, then I will purify myself in a specific way -- not according to the way that I think is best, or the way that I think is appropriate, as though that means going to scripture and saying, “I like this, but I don't like that, so I'll grab a little this and a little that.” No, it says purify yourself just as He is pure. How pure was Yeshua? He was sinless, spotless and walked in perfection. He actually commands us at the end of Matthew Chapter 5 — **Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect**. Be perfect!

In Romans 6:18 Paul says — **and having been set free from sin** (grace), **you became slaves of righteousness** (*emphasis added*).

How many different ways are you going to see the Bible lay this out? It just keeps coming and coming:

Peter says the same thing. Read 1 Peter 2:24 — **who Himself Yeshua bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness** - by whose stripes you were healed (*emphasis added*).

Paul says in Romans 1:5 — **Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all the nations for his name** (*emphasis added*).

We could go on and on. It's kind of over the top. It's ridiculous that the narrative has completely changed to the point where if you get in a conversation with a fellow believer who is an antinomian and you just say the word “law”, they absolutely come unglued because they believe that you've actually rejected Christ, and you rejected the grace of God. Everything in scripture from Genesis to Revelation tells us when you receive the beautiful grace that you don't deserve, you couldn't earn it, you didn't earn it, that it drives you into holiness. Grace will lead you into a land of holiness.

So, look at Exodus 20:2 — **I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage**, it sets the entire stage for everything that follows. If we miss this, you can see how theology completely crumbles. But God started with this and it's interesting.



Read in Exodus 34:6 where God comes out and introduces himself to Moses. He says—**The Lord, the Lord God**, and then He defines His name. We know what Jehovah Yahweh means, because the Lord Himself defined it for you. **The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious**. The very first thing that comes out of the Lord's mouth, I am merciful and gracious, as He introduces Himself specifically to Moses is the exact same template of how He introduces Himself to all Israel. **I am the Lord who brought you out of bondage**. It's just heralding mercy and grace.