

More than a Story: 10 Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17, Romans 3:20, Galatians 3:21-24

THE LAW: was a gift from God.

Exodus 20:1 “And God spoke all these words, saying”

The Commandments are meant to reflect God’s character and set us apart.

Exodus 20:2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

These Commandments are not a list of requirements to be accepted by God, but the right response to having been accepted by God.

Exodus 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20:4-5 “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. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,”

Exodus 20:7 “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 20:8-11 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the 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.”

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

Exodus 20:13-17 “You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“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.”

THE LAW: was given to instruct us.

THE LAW: exposes sin in us and expresses our need for a Savior.

THE LAW: is both a map and a mirror.

Romans 3:20 “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes the knowledge of sin.”

THE LAW: is not a ladder to lead you to heaven, it is an x-ray to show you you’re broken.

Galatians 3:21-24 “Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.

<sup>22</sup> But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. <sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

THE LAW: leads us to Jesus.

THE LAW: reveals our need. Jesus meets our need.