

Making Promises

Part 8: The Exodus

Review

- Along the way from Egypt to Sinai, Moses – at the advice of his father-in-law Jethro – pluralizes his leadership into many judges who will decide disputes and council people in the ways of God.
- In chapter 19, God begins to establish his covenant with the nation of Israel.
- Mt. Sinai acts as a precursor to the tabernacle/temple in its three-part division, and it's another "Mountain of God," like the garden before it and Zion after it (**Ezek. 28:13-16; Ps. 99:9; Is. 27:13; Rev. 21:10**).
- Like Adam, Israel was created to rule, but its dominion was supposed to redefine authority for a world that had perverted it. Its rule, grounded in submission to God, was intended to create life and hope in the nations by mediating God's character and glory to them. Once again, God was establishing his kingdom among an identifiable people through a covenant.

The Decalogue

- The 10 Commandments, often called the **Decalogue**, are divided into **two tables** which form a summary of God's moral law.
 - The first table of the law, commands 1-5, describes how God's people **relate to him** (**Ex. 20:3-12**).
 - The second table of the law, commands 6-10, describes how God's people **relate to each other** (**Ex. 20:13-17**).
 - The 5th commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," has often been interpreted as being the **bridge between** the two tables.
 - When Jesus states **the greatest and second greatest commandments**, he is summarizing tables 1 and 2 of the 10 Commandments (**Matt. 22:36-40**).
- The first commandment (**Ex. 20:3**) gives us the **object of our worship**.
 - The intent of the command seems not to be merely concerning the primacy of YHWH above the other gods, but that the Israelites are not to bring any other god **into his presence** (**Ex. 32:7-8**).
- The second commandment (**Ex. 20:4-6**) gives us the **limits of our worship**.

- When God called Israel to himself and gave them his law, he told them not to worship other gods, and he also told them not to worship him **through images**.
- God commanded the Israelites to be careful not to add to or take away from anything he commanded concerning how they were to worship him (**Deut. 12:29–32**). From the beginning, God has been concerned with the **“how” of worship**.
- The third commandment (**Ex. 20:7**) gives us the **reverence of our worship**.
- The fourth commandment (**Ex. 20:8-11**) gives us the **regularity of our worship**.
 - The fourth commandment is rooted in the rest God took after he had exercised dominion over the **formlessness** and **voidness** (**Gen. 1:2; 2:1-3**).
 - God gave to Adam a similar dominion over the created order to subdue it (**Gen. 1:26, 28**). We must assume that Adam similarly rested on the 7th day since God **made it holy**.
 - Israel, in becoming a kingdom of priests is to bring others into the same **holy rest** that God intended for the created order.
 - Jesus, becomes the sabbath rest for all who come under his rule (**Matt. 11:28-30**). For the Christian, Sunday is resting in what **Christ has accomplished**.
- The fifth commandment (**Ex. 20:12**) gives us the way we **submit to God**, and the way we recognize the chain of authority he has given to us.
 - Insubordination was a **capital offense** (**Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Prov. 20:20**).
 - As the Lord disciplines those he loves (**Heb. 12:6-7**), so parents are to initiate **corporeal correction** with their children (**Prov. 23:13-14; 13:24**).
- The sixth commandment (**Ex. 20:13**) commands us to protect our neighbor's **life**.
- The seventh commandment (**Ex. 20:14**) commands us to protect our neighbor's **family**.
- The eighth commandment (**Ex. 20:15**) commands us to protect our neighbor's **property**.
- The ninth commandment (**Ex. 20:16**) commands us to protect our neighbor's **reputation**.
- The tenth commandment (**Ex. 20:17**) commands us to protect what **God has given to your neighbor**.
 - The second table of the law seems to work from the most **severe commandment** (6th), to the underlying premise of love of neighbor – not coveting what belongs to him.

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<p>Ezekiel 28:13–16</p>	<p>13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. 14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. 16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.</p>
<p>Psalms 99:9</p>	<p>Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!</p>
<p>Isaiah 27:13</p>	<p>And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.</p>
<p>Revelation 21:10</p>	<p>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,</p>
<p>Matthew 22:36–40</p>	<p>36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 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. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”</p>
<p>Ex. 20:2-3</p>	<p>“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 You shall have no other gods before me.</p>
<p>Exodus 32:7–8</p>	<p>7 And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ”</p>
<p>Exodus 20:4–6</p>	<p>4 “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. 5 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, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.</p>
<p>Deut. 12:29–32</p>	<p>29 “When the Lord your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, 30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.’ 31 You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the Lord hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. 32 “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.</p>
<p>Exodus 20:7</p>	<p>“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.</p>
<p>Exodus 20:8–11</p>	<p>8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 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. 11 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.</p>

Genesis 1:2	The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
Genesis 2:1–3	1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.
Genesis 1:26	Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
Genesis 1:28	And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
Matthew 11:28–30	28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
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 21:17	“Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.
Leviticus 20:9	For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him.
Proverbs 20:20	If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.
Hebrews 12:6–7	6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
Proverbs 23:13–14	13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. 14 If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.
Proverbs 13:24	Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.
Exodus 20:13	“You shall not murder.
Exodus 20:14	“You shall not commit adultery.
Exodus 20:15	“You shall not steal.
Exodus 20:16	“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Exodus 20:17	“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.”