

The Ten Commandments

(Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5)

Matthew 22:36-40

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 foremost commandment.

39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Love the Lord your God (37)

1. Have no other gods before (besides) Me (Exodus 20:3)
 - a. Dt 6
 - i. Loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and might (5)
 1. All our energy goes into this relationship
 2. No energy left for other things
 - ii. Fear only the Lord (13)
 - iii. Worship only the Lord (13)
 - iv. Went from being slaves of Egypt (Egyptians telling them what to do) to becoming bond-slaves of God
 - b. Matt 6:24 - can't serve two masters - one will take up our time, energy, and efforts - that is the place that God wants
 - c. Nothing else should control us - our minds
2. Not make or worship an idol (4-6)
 - a. Image of something - picture or representation
 - i. Movie stars
 - ii. Musicians
 - iii. Athletes
 - iv. Animals
 - v. Pictures of Mary and Jesus
 - vi. Icons (Catholic Church - pieces of the cross, shroud of Jesus, Jesus' robe)
 - b. Anything that becomes important to us
 - i. Food (we are to eat to live not live to eat)
 - ii. Reading (even the Bible if we neglect doing what we are to commanded to do)
 - iii. Schooling
 - iv. TV/movies/music/video
 - v. Alcohol/drugs
 - vi. Sports/hunting/fishing/exercising
 - vii. Homes/cars/money/wealth/success
 - viii. Children
 - ix. Church (church involvement)
 - c. Romans 1:18-32
 - i. Know the truth but suppress it (18)
 - ii. Exchange glory of God for an image (23)
 - iii. Exchange truth for lie - worship creature rather than Creator (25)

- iv. God gave them over to their degrading passions (26)
 - v. Filled with vile things (28-31)
 - vi. Practice things that are worthy of death - give approval to those who practice them (32)
3. Don't take the Lord's name in vain (7)
 - a. Vain/vanity = Hebrew #7723 - Shaw - nothingness, emptiness - profanity or swearing falsely - using the name (or reputation) of the Lord lightly or without thinking - thoughtlessly
 - b. Meaningless repetition - (Matt 6:6-8) - praying with many words so that you will be heard - repeating things - God already knows the things that you need
 - c. Don't use the Lord's name when not speaking directly of Him or to Him in our conversation.
 - i. People take His name as a curse word
 - ii. Use it as a filler in a conversation, or for emphasis - "Oh my God!" "Lord have mercy"
 - iii. Use God's name with reverence and respect
 - iv. Meaningless repetition - while praying repeating "Father God" - people think that by repeating themselves that God will hear them - many words are not needed to get God's attention
 4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy (8-11)
 - a. 6 days we are to labor and on the Sabbath we are to rest (9-10)
 - b. Do no work (10)
 - c. Holy because God blessed that day (11)

Love your neighbor as yourself (39)

1. Honor father and mother (12)
 - a. This comes with a promise
 - b. When - What age? - young - from very young until death?
 - i. Honor - #3513 - kavedh - carry a lot of weight
 - ii. Obedience - to do what we are told
 - c. Age of honoring - is our entire life
 - i. They are older - more experienced
 - ii. Respecting elders - we can learn from them
 - iii. Lived through things we have not - they have survived life
 - d. Age of obedience - very young until female (under the authority of the husband); male (until they become a man with his household)
 - i. Once the household is established - Gen 2:24 - the man has now created a new family
 - ii. Woman when she marries - she now becomes obedient submissive to the husband
2. Don't commit murder (13)
 - a. Gen 9:1-7
 - i. Command to kill anyone who would shed another man's blood
 - ii. Man was made in the image
 - b. Matthew 5:21-26
 - i. Angry (without provocation) at brother - same as murder
 1. Anger and sin not - Eph 4:26
 2. James 1:20 - the anger of man doesn't achieve righteousness of God - we get mad at the person - God is mad at sin
 - ii. Degrading others is also murder

- iii. Important to deal with anger and resolve it quickly
 - c. I John 3:13-18
 - i. If we don't love - we abide in death
 - ii. Hating our brother makes us a murderer
 - d. Love and hate
 - i. Hatred leads to being embittered - they become consumed (controlled by our hatred)
 - 1. Lack of forgiveness
 - 2. Unwillingness to be open to hear and come to terms with other people
 - 3. Admit that we were wrong or took advantage of someone
 - ii. Love wants the best for people/hates wants harm for people
 - iii. Love - Agape love
 - 1. Eros - sensual love
 - 2. Phileo - brotherly - friendly
 - 3. Storge - awww kind of love - compassionate, affection
 - 4. Agape - unconditional, sacrificial love - needs nothing in return - wants the best for people
 - iv. Love and pray for your enemies - Matthew 5:43-45
- 3. Don't commit adultery (14)
 - a. Married person have improper relationships with another other than spouse
 - b. Matthew 5:27 - to look at a person with lust in your heart already committed adultery
 - i. Starts with look - intent look
 - ii. Goes to thoughts
 - iii. Leads to action
 - c. How to prevent the adultery - II Timothy 2:22 - FLEE (the bad) - RUN (to the good)
 - d. Joseph - ran for his life from Potiphar's wife
 - e. II Samuel 11 - David
 - i. Not being busy
 - ii. Looks at Bathsheba (doesn't turn away)
 - iii. Thinking and planning
 - iv. Led to action
 - f. How do you handle life today?
 - i. Idle mind and hands - devil's workshop - be actively pursuing good
 - ii. Immodesty all around us
 - 1. Stay away from places of temptation (church, swimming pools, shopping)
 - 2. Dressing modestly (without drawing attention) on our behalf
 - 3. Watching what we watch
 - 4. advertisements
- 4. Don't steal (15)
 - a. Taking things that don't belong to us
 - b. Mindset that we deserve more than we get so we help ourselves
 - c. Given certain amount of time for breaks/lunch and we take more (not giving the employer what was promised)
 - d. Personal e-mails, games, videos, etc. at work on the computer
 - e. Hacking into things on the computer - satellite/cable
 - i. Buying things that are stolen/questionable
 - ii. Pirated movies and music
 - f. Stealing reputations/life, information

- g. Stealing from God - not giving Him the first of our stuff (money, time, effort)
 - i. Haggai
 - ii. Prov 3:9 - honor the Lord from your wealth/produce
- h. Be obedient to God - will cause us to be sensitive to what is right
 - i. To obey is better than sacrifice
- i. Gal 5:14
- j. Be willing to pay a fair price for what we want or need - having fair balances
- k. Treating others with respect and honesty - which sets us apart from others
- 5. Don't bear false witness against neighbor (16)
 - a. Degrading another person - making them look bad or guilty
 - b. Ex 23:1, 7 - persecuting or prosecuting the righteous
 - c. Prov 19:5, 9 - false witness will not escape
 - d. Blaming other people to take focus off of us
 - e. Pushing an agenda, focus the light on someone else, causing hysteria
 - f. Slandering/gossiping others (politicians, churches)
 - i. Prov 18:17 - first to plead case sound right until other cross examines
 - ii. Romans 1:28-32 - do we give approval to those who are doing these things (gossip and slander)
 - iii. Prov 15
- 6. Don't covet (17)
 - a. Your neighbors' house, wife, servants, animals, anything
 - b. #2530 - chamadh - to desire, long for, to feel delight in - refers to an inordinate, ungoverned, selfish desire, whether it be the gold of idols or lusting after prostitutes, or craving fields
 - c. People's position, opportunities, abilities (jealousy)
 - d. Not self-control, desire to have what someone else to the point of making it our goal in life to get it for ourselves
 - e. This destroys unity, peace - fills us with jealousy, anger, bitterness
 - f. Wanting things to the point of destroying our families and relationships
 - g. Things become priorities over people
 - h. "self" is driving us - our response to things
 - i. Never satisfied with what we have - contentment based on things
 - j. This does not give God control of your life