

Ten: The Preeminence of God

(Exodus 20:1-3)

Introduction

Let's name the Ten Commandments.

- 1) No other gods
- 2) Create no images of God
- 3) Improper use of God's name
- 4) Remember the Sabbath
- 5) Respect family
- 6) Respect human life
- 7) Respect marriage
- 8) Respect personal property
- 9) Maintain Integrity
- 10) Be content with God's provisions

Why study the Ten Commandments? Isn't it Old Testament? Yes, the Ten Commandments were given to Israel in order to teach them 1) the basics of a flourishing relationship with God. 2) In addition, it exposed their sinful failures. It also provided them with a moral code that served as the basis for their society making them uniquely distinct from other nations, thus drawing attention to God.

I. God's Initiation of A Relationship.

Principle: God's desire has always been a grace-based relationship with mankind.

A) The History of The Relationship

- 1) Adam and Eve
- 2) Noah
- 3) Tower of Babel
- 4) Abraham

B) The History of the Ten Commandments

- 1) Israel went to Egypt as invited guests
- 2) Israel became slaves
- 3) Israel lost her distinctives as the people of God
- 4) Following the Exodus, God began retraining Israel

C) The Purpose of the Ten Commandments

- 1) How to relate to God
- 2) Distinctiveness

II. God's Expectations Concerning A Relationship

Principle: For a relationship with God to function fully, God must be preeminent.

A) Based on His Preexistence

B) Based on His Position (Creator)

- 1) Everything bears the stamp of God!!

C) Based on His Power

III. Man's Response to A Relationship

Principle: For a relationship with God to function fully, God's people must commit themselves completely to Him.

- A) Selfism**
- B) Thrillism**
- C) Possessionism**
- D) Controlism**

Conclusion

- A) Are you in relationship with God**
- B) Is God preeminent (priority) in your life?**
- C) What's competing with God for you passion?**