

## THE BIG DEAL ABOUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

### Deuteronomy 5 :6-21

**Introduction:** Lately there has been much "ado" about the Ten Commandments being in public places such as schools, courtrooms and any government sponsored locale. What's the big deal?

- Those outside God's family see no need to have them.
- Many in God's family don't pay much attention to them.
- God gave the Ten Commandments to His people fresh out of slavery to give them a means of living in harmony with each other and Him, doing His will out of gratitude, love and respect.
- Christians are also expected to follow the same Ten Commandments as they are also part of God's family.
- The Commandments light the way, restrain from falling into sin, and show the standard to evaluate one's life and belief for God's family.
- What exactly are the Ten Commandments all about anyhow?

#### I. MAKING GOD NUMBER ONE IN ALL THINGS (Deuteronomy 5:6-7)

1. When did God say it was alright to let other things and beings take His place?
2. The world is full of serious threats to the freedoms of God's family.
3. Allegiance to God is the only means of remaining free from Satan, Sin and the World's grasp.
4. As God brought Israel out of slavery in Egypt, so He has brought the believer out of slavery from Satan, Sin and the World.
5. God is to remain "number one" because **HE IS GOD!**

#### II. GOD IS THE ONLY GOD (Deuteronomy 5:8-10)

1. When did God say it was alright to make images and things to represent how somebody thought He looked or to make up their own god?
2. Nobody knows what God looks like anyhow except His Son, Jesus.
3. Encountering the real, true, only God is life changing, such as Isaiah's encounter.
4. God needs no image to make His presence known, just look around.

#### III. DO NOT MISUSE GOD'S NAME (Deuteronomy 5:11)

1. When did God say it was alright to use His name any way one chose?
2. Names symbolize a person. How God's name is used reveals what one thinks about God and distorts God's image, abuses His authority, and presumes upon one's relationship with God.
3. How one uses God's name reveals one's respect, admiration and reverence of God.

#### IV. KEEP THE LORD'S DAY SEPARATE (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

1. When did God say it was alright to use His Day anyway one pleases?
2. God intends for everyone to work six (6) days and rest one (1) day each week.
3. Everyday belongs to God in the believer's life and the work and it's results belong to God.
4. God intends for life to be balanced between work, rest, and worship.

## **V. GOD'S PROMISE: HONOR ONE'S PARENTS AND LIVE A LONG LIFE**

### **(Deuteronomy 5:16)**

1. When did God say it was alright to forget about one's parents and show disrespect to them?
2. God intends for children to take care of their parents when the parents are old.
3. Respect, honor and care for parents is based on an obedient attitude toward God, not so much on the character of one's parents.
4. God promises a longer life to those who obey this commandment.
5. HONOR ONE'S PARENTS BECAUSE GOD SAID SO!

## **VI. DO NOT COMMIT MURDER (Deuteronomy 5:17)**

1. When did God say it was alright to deliberately take another person's life?
2. God did not place an age limit as to when life begins or when it is to end.
3. Man is not to willfully, deliberately take another person's life.
4. One may not have blood on his/her hands, but Jesus asks about "on the heart and mind?"

## **VII. DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY (Deuteronomy 5:18)**

1. When did God say it was alright to be unfaithful to one's own husband or wife?
2. Sex is for marriage! No discussion! No what if's! No exceptions!
3. Adultery is a violation of the most sacred of all human relationships.
4. Prostitution and homosexuality violate God's law about sex.

## **VIII. DO NOT STEAL (Deuteronomy 5:19)**

1. When did God say it was alright to take whatever one wanted from others without asking?
2. Stealing is saying to God: "You don't know what I want" or "You haven't given me enough."
3. Stealing is the total disregard for what belongs to someone else and a disregard of God's direct command.

## **IX. DO NOT SPEAK A LIE OR SPEAK EVIL (Deuteronomy 5:20)**

1. When did God say it was alright to lie?
2. Lying always is associated with sinning.
3. Distorting the truth, telling a story, white lies, fibs, half-truths, hypocrisy, gossip, even silence, and more, are all forms of lying.
4. God will not tolerate liars in His family.

## **X. DO NOT COVET (Deuteronomy 5:21)**

1. When did God to say it was alright to want badly what someone else had?
2. To "covet" is to fix one's heart on something that he/she thinks he/she must have to be happy.
3. The world was never designed to satisfy everything or everybody, but to be enjoyed.
4. The believer is to have a relationship with God, not with the world and it's things.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. What's the big deal about the Ten Commandments? To the world, nothing.
2. To God's family, they are God's gift to them to help them be all God wants them to be.
3. The world offers easier "commandments" to follow than what God has given.
4. Everyone is free to choose which they want to follow but the eternal after effects are vastly different.