

THE 10.....WHAT?

What are the “Ten Commandments” ? Suggestions? Commandments = laws

Can you name any of them ? _____

#1 Exodus 20:1-2 Why did God give us these laws? **God had just rescued the people of Israel from 400 years of slavery. These laws are meant for all of His people. God has provided a way for Him to rescue us from our sins, through Jesus Christ.**

The “Ten Commandments” were proclaimed vocally by God on Mt. Sania, and written by Him on two stones, and given to Moses. When these were broken by Moses on his descent from the mount, he was commanded to prepare two fresh stones like the first, on which God re-wrote the “Ten Commandments”. The two stones were placed in the “ark of the covenant” by Moses. There they are believed to still be. The ark was hidden by Jeremiah when Jerusalem was taken by Nebuchadnezzar.

#2 Exodus 20:3 **Do not put anyone or anything above God.**

What are some examples of things that some people put before God?

Money, spouse, fame, sports, career, motorcycle, etc.

#3 Matthew 4:8-10 Jesus said to worship & serve only God.

#4 Exodus 20:4-6 **Do not worship any idols.**

Idol = an image of a god, used as an object or instrument of worship.

By worshipping an object – it shows God that you reject Him, right?

Do the sinful actions of parents affect the whole family? Of Course!

For how many generations? Three & Four & more!

What does God say about parents who love Him and obey His laws? He will LAVISH unfailing love on their family for a thousand generations!

Do you think that you need to change what is happening to your family? _____

Are you “too young” to change things? NEVER!

#5 Luke 16:13 Jesus said that No one can serve two masters. Is that right? Yes.

#6 Exodus 20:7 **Do not misuse God’s name.**

What does this mean? Do not use God’s name lightly, or for cursing.

#6 Why do you think this is important to God? Respect. Read “God’s Name” on page 89.

#7 Matthew 5:34 & 37 Jesus said – Don’t make any vows. Your “yes” should be “yes”, and your “no” should be “no”. **In other words, say what you mean and mean what you say!**

#8 Exodus 20:8-11 **Keep the Sabbath day Holy.**

It should be “a day of rest, dedicated to the Lord your God.” **God blessed man with the Sabbath as a day to rest from his work and to spend time with God. The Jewish Sabbath is on Saturday, and the Christian Sabbath is on Sunday. Some Christians say that everyday is the “Sabbath” day to them, meaning that they try to live in a way as to please God on a daily basis, not just once a week.**

#9 Mark 2:27-28 Jesus said – the Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people. Jesus is Lord over the Sabbath. We should always try to meet the needs of others if we can.

#10 Exodus 20:12 Honor your parents.

Just what does that mean? Showing them courtesy & respect. Read "Honoring parents" on page 90.

Did you notice that this law also comes with a promise? _____

Do you want to live a "long, full life"? _____

#11 Matthew 10:37 Jesus said not to love your parents more than Him. But, we are to show respect, correct?

Yes!

#12 Exodus 20:13 You must not murder.

Is there a difference between "murder" & "kill" ? Yes. Murder=the unlawful and malicious or premeditated killing of one human being by another. Kill=to cause the death of, to destroy life.

#13 Matthew 5:22 Jesus makes it clear that our thoughts & words are just as important as our actions. Because what is in our heart is what is important!

#14 Exodus 20:14 Do not commit adultery.

What is adultery? "Adultery=sexual intercourse between a married man and a woman not his wife, or between a married woman and a man not her husband.

Does that mean the if you are not married, it is okay to have sex with others? NO!

#15 Ephesians 5:3 No sexual immorality.

#16 Colossians 3:5-6 No sexual immorality. God's anger is coming because of these things.

#17 Matthew 5:28 Jesus said that lusting after someone is the same as adultery.

Why do you think God made this law? Just so we couldn't have fun?! Read Ultimate Issues - "Sexual Morality" on page 293.

#18 Exodus 20:15 Do not steal.

Can a thief be trusted? NO!

How would you feel if someone stole something from you? Angry? Hurt?

#19 Matthew 7:12 Treat others the way you want to be treated.

#20 Exodus 20:16 Do not lie.

Can you trust a liar? NO!

Is being trusted important to you? If not, it should be.

#21 Matthew 12:36 Jesus said you will give an account of your words.

#22 Exodus 20:17 Do not want someone else's stuff.

(example: girlfriend, wife, car, animals, money, motorcycles, etc.)

#23 Luke 12:15 Jesus said that life isn't measured by how much you own.

What do you think about these laws? _____

Pretty basic, aren't they? _____

If everyone followed these laws, can you see how this world would be a better place? _____

Ultimate Issue - "The Law" First version of our Bible, on page 116. Second version of our Bible, on page 123.

God gave us rules to live by - so that we could have the best life possible! A life filled with His Love, and one filled with love for Him.

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