

**Bethany  
Bible Study &  
Discussion**



**Deuteronomy  
Part 5  
(chapter 5)**

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## Chapter 5

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# Introduction to Ten Commandments

(1-6)

And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may **learn them, and keep, and do them.**

<sup>2</sup>The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.<sup>3</sup>The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord talked with you **face to face** in the mount out of the midst of the fire, <sup>5</sup>(I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to shew you the word of the Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying, <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the **house of bondage.**

# Introduction

(1-6)

## Review of Ten commandments given at Mt. Sinai (Horeb)

Commandments given by God (~ 3,500 years back) for present and future generations. It represent God's absolute standards ... no compromise allowed.

And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, **written with the finger of God** (Exodus 31:18)

In the new Testament, **"I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them** (Hebrews 10:16)

Moses the mediator, between God & man.

Summarized in 2 commandments (Matthew 22:36-40, Romans 13:8-10)

**What must we do?:** Hear, Learn, Keep, Do them

## Broken & Replaced

**BROKEN** And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount (Exodus 32:19)

Calf being built while commandments were being given!

**REPLACED** And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest (Exodus 34:1)

Commandments kept in the ark of the covenant (Deuteronomy 10:5)

# What does Bible say about speaking Face-to-Face with God? (4)

## Did Moses/people of Israel see God? (4)

**Deuteronomy 4:12** And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

**Exodus 33:20** Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live

**Exodus 33:23** And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen

**John 1:18** No man hath seen God at any time

**John 4:24** God is a spirit

**Face-to-face** can be interpreted as direct/intimate communication with God.

Even today God speaks to us like He spoke with Moses. **Has God spoken to you lately?**

# Introduction (1-6)

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### What did God do for Israel?

He brought them out of '**house of bondage**' (6) 'iron furnace' (4:20)  
... God is their Redeemer, Deliverer

### Why is God entitled to command obedience?

Because of what He did for Israelites.

Obedience is a reasonable response to freedom from bondage

### Can law set us free?

**Response to  
Law=  
Obedience**

**Response to  
Salvation = ?**

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Romans 12:1 Salvation demands offering ourselves as a **living sacrifice** ... a reasonable service

I Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore, **glorify God** in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

True salvation must be followed by **fruits/good works**.



# Can law set us free? No!

Laws given after redemption; Keeping of Laws not meant for redemption.

**Galatians 3:11** no man is justified by the law in the sight of God

**Galatians 3:24-25** the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

**John 8:36. True freedom in Christ alone**

**Law Vs the New covenant** (later) ... believers are not under the law but under the unconditional new covenant of grace, **Romans 6:14** (Romans 3:21-27, Galatians 3, Hebrews 10:11-17)

# Ten commandments

No other  
Gods (7)

No Idols (8-  
10)

Don't take the  
Lord's name  
in vain (11)

Keep Sabbath  
holy (12-15)

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(16)

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(also in Exodus 20:1-17)

**#1**

**Thou shalt have none other  
gods before me (7)**

**There can be only one God, Yahweh.**

To have other gods, implies idolatry and adultery

## #2

**Thou shalt not make thee any graven image**, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

<sup>9</sup>Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a **jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, <sup>10</sup>And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments. (8-10)

Should we permit images in churches?

Why do curses continue? Why do blessings continue?

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**No images representing God is permitted.**

Jealous God ... God expects 100% love and loyalty

Jealousy ... shows love & attachment (a positive quality in a lover)

**Generational blessings and curses:** Iniquity to 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> generation to those that hate (9) but mercy to thousands (10) to those who obey (Exodus 34:6-7) ... curses are mercies are not automatic ... those who hate (curse) those who obey (mercy)

Curses can be reversed by repentance, and blessings can be lost by disobedience.

# Can we permit Idols and images in churches?

**Churches (and our homes) should not have idols or images.**

<sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> And **changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image** made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things (Romans 1:22-23)

**Living God cannot be and must not be represented in an Idol**

Dead idol cannot capture a living God.

We cannot have a relationship with a dead idol.

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We must show reverence to the name of God

Orthodox Jews careful about use of "GOD" ... G()D

The world uses God's name in profane abusive language or to swear ... **Christians must not use God's name causally or in vain.**

Allowed in courts (Deuteronomy 6:13)

## #4

<sup>12</sup> **Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it**, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.  
<sup>13</sup> Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: <sup>14</sup> But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. <sup>15</sup> And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

**Sabbath on Seventh day** ... day of rest (Genesis 2:3)

**Punishment for breaking Sabbath** ... death (Exodus 31:15)

**Rest for all** (Exodus 23:12)

Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

Masters should not rest and make your servants work!

What is the NT perspective on Sabbath?

#4

## Sabbath in NT

What is the new Testament perspective?

- Sabbath is not mandatory
- For we which have believed do enter into rest (Hebrews 4:3)
- We must enter into the rest of 'salvation' offered by Christ (finished work done by Christ); (Hebrews 4:9-11)
- we can rest in the Lord 'always'

**My perspective:** For our own mental/physical/spiritual health, one-day of rest & quietness is good to practice.

## #4

# Sabbath in NT

<sup>16</sup> Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, **or of the sabbath days:** <sup>17</sup> Which are a shadow of things to come; (**Colossians 2: 16-17**)

But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? <sup>10</sup> Ye **observe days**, and months, and times, and years. (**Galatians 4:9-10**)

<sup>9</sup> There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. <sup>10</sup> For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Let us labour therefore to **enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (**Hebrews 4:9-11**)

#5

**Honour thy father and thy mother,** as

the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee (16)

What is the blessing associated with honoring parents?

How to Honor parents?

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Honoring parents leads to long life & God's favor (**Ephesians 6:1-3**)

Honoring parents leads to stable & happy homes, healthy church community, and strong societies.

Rebellious children bring shame to parents and society  
(in last days, disobedience to parents, **II Timothy 3:1-3**)

**How to Honor parents?** Obey, Respect, Love, and Serve them.

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