

**Bethany  
Bible Study &  
Discussion**



**Deuteronomy  
Part 6  
(chapter 5:17-33)**

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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)

Commandments given by God (~ 3,500 years back)

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)**

From stone to hearts

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

**What must we do?:** Hear, Learn, Keep, Do them (1)

# 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)

Honor parents  
(16)

No murder  
(17)

No adultery  
(18)

No stealing  
(19)

No false  
witness (20)

No coveting  
(21)

# Ten Commandments

(also in Exodus 20:1-17)

#6

Thou shalt not  
kill (17)

Is any killing justified?

#6

Thou shalt **not**  
**kill (17)**

Killing refers to murder

God created man in his image (Genesis 1:27) and **God will seek account of blood shed** (Genesis 4:10-11, 9:5-6)

And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth (Genesis 4:1—11)

Abortion/Suicide/Euthanize is not justified

Capital punishment (by law) or wartime killing is permitted

#6

# Thou shalt not kill (17)

New  
Testament

NT Perspective from Sermon on the Mount

<sup>21</sup> Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:  
<sup>22</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:

(Mathew 6:21-22)



#7

Neither shalt  
thou commit  
**adultery** (18)

**Adultery** goes against God's divine order for marriage

Adultery *destroys* families, destroys trust, and weakens society

**Punishable** by death for both (Deuteronomy 22:22)

Adultery is *work of flesh* (Galatians 5:19)

Walk in the spirit and you will not fulfill the desires of the flesh  
(Galatians 5:16)

#7

Neither shalt  
thou commit  
**adultery** (18)

New  
Testament  
Perspective

<sup>27</sup> Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery <sup>28</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart (Mathew 5:27-28)

**Jesus forgives** woman caught in adultery (John 8)

True repentance triggers God's mercy ...

God is **God** of mercy & justice

#8

Neither shalt  
thou **steal** (19)

**Stealing** is triggered by covetousness, greed, lying, and exploitation

### **Stealing on tithes & taxes condemned**

- Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings (**Malachi 3:8**)
- Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's (**Mathew 22:21**)

**Stolen wealth disappears:** Wealth gotten by vanity (dishonesty) shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase (**Proverbs 13:11**)

**Work instead of Stealing:** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth (**Ephesians 4:28**)

#9

Neither shalt  
thou bear **false  
witness** against  
thy neighbor  
(20)

**False witness** through gossip, slander, lies and half-truths, is considered evil and is condemned

Lord hates those who give false witness and sow divisions  
(Proverbs 6:19)

False witness is a **punishable** offense  
(Deuteronomy 19:16-20)

#10 gets to the  
(invisible) heart &  
thoughts!

# #10

<sup>21</sup> **Neither shalt thou desire** thy neighbour's wife, **neither shalt thou covet** thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Do not Desire or Covet what is not yours (**invisible sin** ... but visible to God who looks at our heart)

## Respect your neighbor's boundary

Internal covetousness leads to outward sin, crime and wars

## Instead of Coveting, be Content

- Beware of Covetousness (Luke 12:15-21)
- and be content with such things as ye have (Hebrews 13:5)
- Godliness with contentment is great gain (I Timothy 6:6)

## Response of Israelites (22- 27) ...

we will hear it,  
and do it! ...

is it possible?

<sup>22</sup> These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, **with a great voice: and he added no more.** And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and **delivered them** unto me. <sup>23</sup> And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

<sup>24</sup> And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and **we have heard his voice** out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

<sup>25</sup> Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die.

<sup>26</sup> For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

<sup>27</sup> Go thou near, and **hear all that the Lord our God shall say:** and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; **and we will hear it, and do it.**

## God's response (28-30)

<sup>28</sup> And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. <sup>29</sup> O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! <sup>30</sup> Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

Israelites return (30) Moses stays back (31)

God pleased with the response, but does not think they will follow through ... "O that there were such an heart in them"

History shows they broke the laws and were disobedient (golden calf was made & worshipped in less than 40 days)



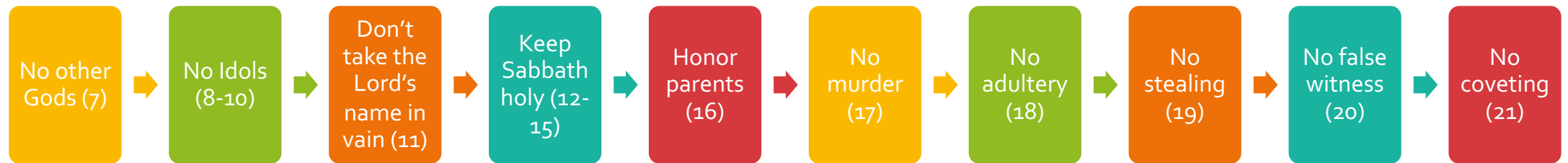
## Conclusion (31-33)

<sup>31</sup> But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

<sup>32</sup> Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

<sup>33</sup> Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, **that ye may live, and that it may be well with you,** and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

- Moses given all the commandments, statutes and judgements
- Obedience will lead to a good life in promised land



## Ten Commandments

... how many are relevant for us today?