



I. Moses Meets With God on Mount Sinai. (19:1-25)

1. God tells Moses His plan for Israel. (Vs.1-6)

- Moses went up to meet with the Lord. God is faithful to meet with those who will come to Him.
📖 Jeremiah 29:13 “*And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*”
- God tells Moses of the benefits of keeping His covenant, and the plan that He had for Israel.

2. Moses brings the message to the people. (Vs.7-9)

- Moses is a faithful leader. He takes God’s word and brings it to the people.
- He was a representative between God and the people. Today, Jesus is our representative.
📖 1 Timothy 2:5 “*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus*”

3. God reveals Himself through the earthquake, fire, smoke, and sound of the trumpet. (Vs.10-25)

- They were first given instructions and warnings to prepare themselves to meet with the Lord.
- God’s power and holiness are seen on the mountain. A warning is given against those who would come too close – because of God’s holiness, and man’s sinfulness there was a great barrier. To go across that barrier would mean sudden death.

II. The Ten Commandments. (20:1-17)

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.

- Whatever you live for is your God: Money, Fame, Education, Relationships, Etc.

2. You shall not make for yourself an Idol (carved image).

- This is speaking about your idea of who God is. An idol does not have to be a little wooden image of God, it can also be a mental picture of God. (See: Romans 1:22-23)
- The passing on of iniquity is speaking about the fact that children will walk in the same sins as their fathers.

3. You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.

- Using God’s name: LORD, God, Jesus Christ, etc. in any way that is not in complete respect and reverence is using it in vain (It means nothing)

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

- Are Christians required to keep the Sabbath today? The New Testament makes it clear that Christians are not under obligation to observe a Sabbath day (Colossians 2:16-17; Galatians 4:9-11), because Jesus fulfills the purpose and plan of the Sabbath for us and in us (Hebrews 4:9-11)
- Even though we are not required to obey the Sabbath law we should not neglect the principle of taking a day of rest and worship during the week—we need it!
- Many people argue about what day we should worship God on, but now, because of Jesus we can worship God every day!

5. Honor your father and mother.

6. You shall not murder.

- *Murder* is the taking of life without legal justification (execution after due process) or moral justification (killing in defense).
- Matthew 5:21-22 “*You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder,’ and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.*”

7. You shall not commit adultery.

- Matthew 5:27-28 “*You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*”

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (Tell a lie).

- See Revelation 21:27 & 22:15 for the seriousness of telling even one lie.

10. You shall not covet.

- See 1 Timothy 6:6-10 for more about coveting – wanting what others have.

III. The People’s Response. (20:18-26)

- They were afraid because they realized the true greatness and holiness of the Lord. We should have a reverence for who God as well, though we need never be afraid of His judgment, since Jesus has taken it for us.

📖 Galatians 3:13 “*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)*”