

The Ten Commandments

Scripture: Exod. 20:1-18; Ps. 19:7-9

Intro: The law was given amidst a mighty demonstration of God's presence and power. Heb. 12:18-21. On stone to show its rigidity. Cannot stretch, shrink, or bend; must break or keep it.

1. Sanctification of the people. Ex. 19:12-15
2. Sovereignty of providence. Ex 19:16-20;20:18

I. The Law and It's Good. (Rom. 7:12,22; Gal. 3:19)

- A. The purpose it served: "added". (Gal. 3:19)
 1. Added to Abrahamic covenant. (Gal. 3:15-18)
 2. Addressed to Abraham's children. (Ex. 20:1-2)
 - a. To deal with sin. (Gal. 3:19; Rom. 7:7)
 - b. To day Christ came. (Gal. 3:16; Gen. 49:10)
- B. The promise it secured: "attention". (Gal. 4:6)
 1. Promise of first coming. (Gal. 3:19)
 - a. Acted as temporary schoolmaster. (Gal. 3:23-25) Educated. (Rom. 7:7)
 - b. Action of Christ showed its value. (Gal. 4:4; Ps. 40:8)
 2. Promoted faith in saint. (Gal. 8:19, 23-25)

II. The Law and God. (Ex. 20:1-2)

- A. Series of principles. (Ex. 20:1-17)
 1. They are founded on two requirements.
 - a. Wisdom: Reason.
 - b. Authority: He who gives life has the most right to give laws.
 2. They are founded with two requisites. (Mk. 12:30-31)
 - a. Reverence for God: first five – obligations to God.
 - b. Respect for man: final five – obligations to man.
(6th one bridges gap of two tables)
- B. Statutes for people. (Ex. 20:1-18; Gal. 3:19)
 1. Nationhood of Israel impossible without commandments. (Ex. 20-24)
 - a. Legislative. Moral. Never repealed.
 - b. Ecclesiastical. Ceremonial.
 - c. Social. Judgments.
 2. Neighborhood of humanity impossible without code.
 - a. Conscience stamped with law. (Rom. 2:14-15)
 - b. Community standard is the law. (Heb. 2:2-3)
 1. Those who will not have the law to rule them will have the law to judge them. (Rom 2:12)
 2. Those who cast God's Laws behind their back, God will cast their prayers behind his back. (Prov. 28:9)

III. The Law and God's People. (Rom. 13:10; 3:31)

- A. Used to condemn them. (Gal. 3:10)
 - 1. Reveals God's standard of righteousness. (Rom. 9:12, 14; Deut. 4:8; Ps. 19:7-9; 119:142)
 - 2. Reveals and identifies sin. (Rom. 7:7; Rom 3:20; James 2:9-11)
 - 3. Reveals Devine Holiness of God. (Isa. 55:8-9)
 - a. Shows man that he is a sinner. (Gal. 3:10)
 - b. Shows man's moral inability. (Rom. 7:7-8)
 - c. Shows man's need of a Saviour. (Gal. 3:10, 23-25)
- B. Used to convert them. (Jn. 3:17; Gal. 2:16; 3:13)
 - 1. Moral law condemns.
 - 2. Mediator: Lord converts.