

TRUTHS ABOUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

TEXT: EX. 20:1-17.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Christianity did not come into existence without roots or foundation.
- B. The Ten Commandments, given to the Jew, helped to prepare God's people for their role of bringing Christ into the world.
- C. The Ten Commandments, indeed all the Law of Moses, helped by placing social and moral restraints upon the Jews.
- D. Before we start looking at each of the Ten Commandments, there are a few truths we need to notice.

BODY:

I. TITLES FOR THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

- A. Ten Commandments- Ex. 34:28.
- B. Words of the Covenant- Ex. 34:28.
- C. The Tablets- Ex. 31:18.
- D. Testimony- Ex. 16:33-34.
- E. His Covenant- Deut. 4:13.
- F. Two Tablets- Deut. 9:10-11.
- G. Decalogue (Not in the Bible).
 - 1. Deca- ten. 2. Logue- word.

II. HOME OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

- A. They were kept in the Ark- Deut. 10:5.
- B. The other laws were kept beside the Ark- Deut. 31:24-27.

III. TWO FOLD DIVISION OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

A. First Section deals with Man's relationship to God-Ex. 20:1-11.

1. Supremacy of God.
2. Impossibility of expressing God in material form.
3. Forbidden to use God's name wrong.
4. Rights of God's day safe guarded.

B. Second section deals with man's relationship to man- Ex. 20:12-17.

5. Father and mother to be honored.
6. Human life sacred.
7. Sexual purity and fidelity demanded.
8. Rights of human property preserved.
9. False and slanderous speaking about others condemned.
10. The desire for that which is not ours is branded wrong.

C. The Ten Commandments Include Two Things.

1. They demand reverence for God.
2. They demand respect for man.

IV. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE A SERIES OF PRINCIPLES.

- A. Not just 8 neg. and 2 pos. rules.
- B. They are not a detailed set of rules and regulations.
- C. They give man a certain attitude towards God and towards man.
- D. "This is how you ought to feel towards God and man."

V. WHY WERE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS GIVEN?

- A. Gal. 3:19- Because of sin.
- B. Notice:

1. Rom. 7:7.

2. Rom. 3:20.

C. Also to bring us to Christ.

1. Rom. 5:20.

2. Gal. 3:23-25.

3. "Most families had a slave who was a tutor or school master. He took the child to school."

VI. NINE OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS ARE REPEATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. Matt. 4:10- serve God only.

B. Jas. 5:12- Taking God's name in vain.

C. Eph. 6:1-3- Honor father and mother.

D. Eph. 5:3- Fornication.

E. Col. 3:5- Fornication, covetousness.

F. I Cor. 6:9-10, idolaters, adulterers.

G. 1 Jn. 3:15- murders.

H. Acts 14:15- Idols.

I. Eph. 4:28- Stealing.

J. The two greatest commandments in the Bible are not a part of the Ten Commandments- Mk. 12:30-31.

VII. CHRIST'S LAW IS SUPERIOR TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

A. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

1. Jn. 4:24.

2. Jesus adds a positive note.

B. "Thou shalt not make any graven image."

1. 1 Jn. 5:21.
2. 1 Jn. 2:15.
3. Now told to serve God, nothing else- Rev. 19:10.

C. "Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain."

1. Eph. 4:29.
2. Matt. 12:36-37.

D. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

1. Jesus kept the Sabbath- Gal. 4:4.
2. Christians are to worship on the first day of the week.
 - a. Acts 20:7.
 - b. 1 Cor. 16:1-2.
 - c. Rev. 1:10.

E. "Honor your father and mother."

1. Jesus taught this- Mk. 7:10-13.
2. Paul repeated this- Eph. 6:1-3.

F. "Thou shalt not kill."

1. Matt. 5:21-22.
2. 1 Jn. 3:15.

G. "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

1. Matt. 5:27-28.
2. Heb. 13:4.

H. "Thou shalt not steal."

1. Rom. 13:9.
2. Eph. 4:28.
3. 2 Thess. 3:10.
4. Titus 2:9-10.

I. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

1. Rev. 21:8, 27.
2. Eph. 4:15.

J. "Thou shalt not covet."

1. Lk. 12:15.
2. Love our neighbor as ourselves.
 - a. Matt. 7:12.
 - b. Matt. 22:39.

CONCLUSION:

- A. We can learn many truths about the Ten Commandments.
- B. All of which will help us live a better life.
- C. However, to learn what to do to be saved we must look to the New Testament. Jn. 1:17.
 1. Believe- Heb. 11:6.
 2. Repent Lk. 13:3.
 3. Confess- Matt. 10:32-33.
 4. Baptized- Mk. 16:16.