

Exodus – Part 10 (Chapter 20:1-20:21)

1) You shall have no other gods before me. (20:3)

God is calling us to exclusive devotion to Him. God doesn't want anything to come between us and Him. We are not to worship other deities and this can even include wealth, work, or even people.

2) You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. (20:4-6)

Believers are not to worship anything that is Earthly as a representation of God. Anything that takes the place of our worship to God is an idol.

3) You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.(20:7)

Misusing God's name, also known as taking the name in vain, involves using it carelessly, disrespectfully, or for false purposes, which includes swearing, casual exclamations, and making false promises in God's name. It can also be using God's name to manipulate others, to advance one's on agenda, or living life no different than those who are lost while claiming to be a believer.

4) Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.(20:8-11)

In Christ we find rest from self-effort. The Old Testament Sabbath pointed forward to the deeper, spiritual rest found in Jesus. The Sabbath rest for New Testament believers is the time we spend walking with, worshiping, and resting in Him. As believers in Christ we are no longer required to observe

the OLD Covenant Sabbath in the same way. Daily we are to spend time resting in God through Jesus Christ.

A Rest for the People of God

Heb 3:7 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice,

Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness,

Heb 3:9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did.

Heb 3:10 That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.'

Heb 3:11 So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Heb 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Heb 3:14 We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

Heb 3:15 As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

Heb 3:16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?

Heb 3:17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?

Heb 3:18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?

Heb 3:19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Heb 4:1 Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

Heb 4:2 For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.

Heb 4:3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world.

Heb 4:4 For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "On the seventh day God rested from all his works."

Heb 4:5 And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

Heb 4:6 Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience,

Heb 4:7 God again set a certain day, calling it "Today." This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Heb 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.

Heb 4:9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;

Heb 4:10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.

Heb 4:11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

Psa 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Psa 95:7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice,

Psa 95:8 "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,

Psa 95:9 where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

5) Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. (20:12)

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Eph 6:2 "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise--

Eph 6:3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Eph 6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

Eph 6:6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

We live in a time when many people disrespect their parents. Just because a person becomes an adult does not give a person a right to not honor Father and Mother. Even if you don't agree with everything they say or do, showing respect is pleasing to God and promises to give you long life.

6) You shall not murder. (Exodus 20:13)

Jesus took this command to a new level.

Mat 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

Mat 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

7) You shall not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14)

Even thinking about committing sexual sin with a person when you or the other person is married to someone else is adultery.

Mat 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

Mat 5:28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

8) You shall not steal. (Exodus 20:15)

This command is self explainable.

9) You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (20:16)

Giving false testimony is spreading lies that hurt and destroy people.

2Co 12:20 For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there

may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.

1Ti 5:13 Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to.

Eph 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

10) You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." (20:17)

If you covet something, you eagerly desire something that someone else has.

Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."