

“Jesus’ Ten Words”

John 8:48-58

....*What is a true child of God?*

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps **My Word**, he will never see death” (v. 51)*

Exodus 20 – The Ten Commandments

***James 2:10** “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it”*

- Why did God give the Commandments? **Gal 3:23-27**
- The Law does not save. It points us to the One Who saves. **Gal 2:16-17**
- What is the primary message of God’s Law? **Rom. 13:10; Mark 12:28-31**

Exodus 20:1-17

Commandment # 1: v. 2-3

The First Commandment sums up how we are to relate to God. The rest of the Commandments give us the specifics of how to keep God as God.

Commandment # 2: v. 4

Our greatest danger is allowing anything or anyone to either be equal with or replace our trust in God. Any substitute is an idol.

- Only the LORD Jesus is the Image of God. [Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:1-3]
- We were saved in order to be conformed to His Image. [Rom. 8:29]

Commandment #3: v. 7

The rest of the commandments are the result of idolatry which is the result of not keeping God as God. The result of idolatry is a life of vanity, of futility, of uselessness to God

The command highlights two issues:

1. The **Name of the Lord** gathers together the nature, character and work of the Lord Jesus Himself. It encompasses all of the grace and mercy of God toward man through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.
2. **in vain** ...without effect, useless, empty, frivolous, without insincere faith not in a general sense but specifically as the activity relates to the purpose of God for our lives.

Phil. 2:3-4 *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

How do we “take the Name of the Lord in vain”?

- ✚ By presuming that all religions are okay with God
- ✚ Assuming a person is saved when he is not (Matt. 15:8-9)
- ✚ Incorrectly teaching the gospel (Gal. 2:2)
- ✚ Adding any of our works to the grace of God (Gal. 2: 21)

Commandment #4: v. 8

This Commandment tells us to find our peace and satisfaction as we rest in God Himself.

We were created to live in the accomplished work of God's REST-His Seventh Day- the Sabbath which represents the Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Sabbath Rest of God. **Matt. 11:28-30**

How do we to "keep the Sabbath"?

By "keeping the Lord Jesus in our hearts." [1 Peter 3:15]

We keep the Sabbath REST by trusting and obey Jesus EACH DAY.

Commandment #5: v. 12

We are the family of God and the way we live as parents and children is a demonstration of how we honor our Heavenly Parent.

As we honor parents, the Lord gives us a picture of Himself as our heavenly Parent. (2 Sam. 7:14; 1 Chron. 17:13; 1 Chron. 22:10; Matt. 6:9)

Commandment #6-10: v. 13-17

The last five Commandments reveal our love for God in the way we relate to others.

1 John 4:11 *"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."*

Murder, adultery, stealing and lying are the result of coveting because we have not kept the first Command.

We now see that the Ten Commandments are really One:

Make God the Lord in our lives.

Yet we have all broken God's Law...

At the Cross Jesus has paid the full price of God's wrath against our sin

Romans 10:13 *"whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Romans 8:1

- ⊕ In Christ, all of the requirements of God's holy Law were completely and forever satisfied by Jesus. (**John 19:30**)

- ⊕ The Holy Spirit is lovingly "at work in [US], both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (**Phil. 2:13**)

- ⊕ Ours is to be a grace motivated and empowered obedience because we are the children of God. (**Rom. 8:14; 1 John 3:1**)

- ⊕ In Christ, we are no longer under the penalty of the Law; the Law is now being fulfilled within us by the Spirit with Whom we are cooperating by love.