

## **God's Holy Law** **Exodus 20**

### **I. Relationship with God– Ex. 20:1-11**

1. Recognize One God and Him only - 1-3  
Have no other gods but the true God
2. Make no images to represent God – 4-6  
No man-made image can truly picture God  
Jesus Christ is the true image of God  
Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:15
3. Honor and revere His name - 7
4. Keep Sabbath to honor God's work - 8-11  
God rested because creative work was finished  
We rest in finished work of Christ – Heb. 4:9-11

### **II. Relationship with Others – 12-17**

#### **Reflect God's Character in relationships**

1. By honoring parental authority – 8  
They reflect God's authority as life-giver  
Respect & honor for authority begins at home
2. By respecting human life as God-given – 9  
God created humans in His own image  
This is basis for capital punishment  
Genesis 9:5-6; Romans 13:1-5  
Reason not to curse others – James 3:8-9
3. By recognizing the sanctity of marriage – 10  
Do not commit adultery  
Sexual activity outside of marriages violates  
God's design  
Giving of self to mate in marriage – Gen. 2:24  
God's plan for bearing fruit in children  
Sexual relationship for marriage – Heb. 13:4
4. By respecting personal property of others - 11  
Thou shalt not steal – protect others property  
God transforms us from takers to givers  
Ephesians 4:28  
God is a gracious giver – we are His children
5. By regarding the reputation of others – 16  
Do not bear false witness against your neighbor  
Do not spread gossip or smear one's reputation
6. By restraining your desires for things - 17  
Coveting is the source of other sins  
Jesus dealt with this in Matthew 5-7  
Paul was convicted with this – Rom. 7:7

### **III. Respond to God Properly – 18-28**

1. Stand in awe before Him - 18-20  
A healthy fear can keep us from sin
2. God only is worthy of worship - 21-23  
Allow nothing else to have preeminent place
3. Be careful how you worship Him - 24-26  
Worship is to focus on Him only  
Not on means you might use in worship  
Watch out for things that may distract worship

### **IV. Christ and the Law**

1. Came to fulfill God's Law – Matt. 5:17  
Kept the law perfectly – He was sinless  
Paid in full the penalty of our sin – 1 Jn. 2:2  
Suffered separation from God for us  
Matthew 27:45-46
2. Provided righteousness for us – 2 Cor 5:21  
We are justified by faith in Him – Rom 5:1  
We are free from law's condemnation - Rom 8:1
3. Spirit produces righteousness in us  
Romans 8:2-4
4. Love fulfills the law in us – Rom 13:8-10