

God's expectation from us

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Ponder on the following questions:

- A. How do you feel when you tell someone something and he or she completely ignores what you say?
- B. Why do governments establish laws and policies?
- C. What are things our society tends to worship?
- D. Why was God so specific in giving the Law?
- E. How do you think God feels when we worship things other than Him?

Ten Commandments

God gave the Law to the children of Israel three times:

A. Orally (Ex. 20: 1-17)

- i. Accompanied by “the judgments” (Ex. 21: 1-23)
- ii. Relations of Hebrew with Hebrew (Ex. 23: 1-13)
- iii. Directions for keeping annual feasts (Ex. 23: 14-19)
- iv. Instructions for the conquest of Canaan (Ex. 23)
- v. Moses communicated these words to the people (Ex. 24: 3-8)
- vi. In the present of the elders, they were admitted to the fellowship of God (Ex 24: 9-11)

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B. Moses was called to receive the tables of stone (Ex. 24: 12-18)

- i. Moses on the mount, also receives instructions concerning the tabernacle, priesthood and sacrifice (Ex. 25-31)
- ii. Aaron led the people and broke the first commandment (Ex. 32)
- iii. Moses returning from the mountain sees the golden calf and breaks the table “written with the finger of God” (Ex. 31: 18-19, 32: 16-19)

C. The second tables were made by Moses, and The Law again given by Jehovah (Ex. 34: 1, 28-29, Deut. 10: 4)

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Exodus 20:3

³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Deuteronomy 5:7

⁷ 'You shall have no other gods before Me.

Exodus 20:4

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

Deuteronomy 5:8

⁸ 'You shall not make for yourself an idol, *or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.*

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Exodus 20:5

⁵ "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Exodus 20:6

⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:9

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Deuteronomy 5:10

¹⁰ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

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Exodus 20:7

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Exodus 20:8

⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Deuteronomy 5:11

¹¹ 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Deuteronomy 5:12

¹² 'Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

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Exodus 20:18-20

¹⁸ All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die."

²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin."

1. Who spoke the words in Ex. 20:1?

Exodus 20:1

¹ Then God spoke all these words, saying,

1. God is Holy, Righteous and Good.

Romans 7:7

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.”

1. Who spoke the words in Ex. 20:1?

2. God communicates His will in His Law and His Word.

Deuteronomy 6:1

1 “Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it,

2. How did God describe Himself? (Ex. 20.2)

Exodus 20:2

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1. The LORD is the personal name of God.

Is. 42 :8

8 "I am the Lord, that is My name;

I will not give My glory to another,

Nor My praise to graven images.

2. How did God describe Himself? (Ex. 20.2)

2. God's character is revealed by His name the LORD.

a. He is unique

1 Kings 8:60

60 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no one else.

2. How did God describe Himself? (Ex. 20.2)

b. He is Eternal

Psalm 9:7

7 But the LORD abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment,

c. He is Holy

1 Samuel 2:2

2 “There is no one holy like the LORD, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.

2. How did God describe Himself? (Ex. 20.2)

d. He is Powerful

Exodus 15:6

6 “Your right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

e. He is Majestic

Isaiah 2:10

10 Enter the rock and hide in the dust from the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.

2. How did God describe Himself? (Ex. 20.2)

f. He is Compassionate and Gracious

Psalm 103:8

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

g. He is Faithful and True

Psalm 33:11

11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

3. What are we commanded not to put before God? (Ex. 20: 3)

Exodus 20:3

³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.

a. There is only one God

1 Corinthians 8:5-6

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,

⁶ yet for us there is *but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him*; and *one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him*

4. What did God tell us not to make? (Ex. 20: 4)

Exodus 20:4

⁴ **You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.**

Acts 17: 29

29 “Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

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5. What is the consequence of bowing before false gods? (Ex 20: 5)

Exodus 20:5

⁵ "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

5. What is the consequence of bowing before false gods? (Ex 20: 5)

Joshua 24: 19 -20

19 Then Joshua said to the people, “You will not be able to serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgression or your sins.”

20 “If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you after He has done good to you.”

6. To whom does God express His love? (Ex 20: 6)

Exodus 20:6

⁶ but showing **lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

John 14:15

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“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

6. To whom does God express His love? (Ex 20: 6)

Commitment to God

- A. Arises from faith in His promises
- B. Is expressed in worship and adoration
- C. Leads to obedience to His commands

7. How are we to consider using the name of the Lord? (Ex 20: 7)

Exodus 20:7

7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Blasphemy (profaning, desecration and taking in vain the name of God or the reviling of any of His Works or Deeds) is forbidden by God and dishonors God.

8. How is the Sabbath to be honored? (Ex. 20: 8-11)

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD
your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or
your son or your daughter, your male or your
female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who
stays with you.

¹¹ "For in six days the LORD made the heavens
and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and
rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD
blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

9. What did Jesus say were the greatest commandments? (Matt. 22: 34-40, LK. 10: 25-28, Mark 12: 28-34)

Matthew 22:35-40

³⁵ One of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him,

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

9. What did Jesus say were the greatest commandments? (Matt. 22: 34-40, LK. 10: 25-28, Mark 12: 28-34)

Luke 10:25-28

²⁵ And **a lawyer** stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"

²⁷ And he answered, **"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."**

²⁸ And He said to him, **"You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE."**

9. What did Jesus say were the greatest commandments? (Matt. 22: 35-40, LK. 10: 25-28, Mark 12: 28-31)

Mark 12:28-31

²⁸ One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;

³⁰ AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

³¹ "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

10. How do we grow in our love for God?

John 14:15

¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

1 John 5:3

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

- a. Keep His commandments
- b. Be faithful and increase in your faith
- c. Be kind and loving to all men

10. How do we grow in our love for God?

1. Love the Lord Your God

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

⁶ "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

Psalm 1:1-2

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

10. How do we grow in our love for God?

2. Fear God

Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction

2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad

10. How do we grow in our love for God?

3. Obey God

Deuteronomy 6:2-3

² so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

³ **"O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it,** that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* a land flowing with milk and honey.

10. How do we grow in our love for God?

4. Keep the Word of God in Your heart

2 Thessalonians 3:5

⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ

1 John 2:5-6

⁵ but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

⁶ the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

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4. Keep the Word of God in your heart

Psalm 116:1-2

¹ I love the LORD, because He hears My voice *and* my supplications.

² Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

James 1:21-22

²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

10. How do we grow in our love for God?

5. Teach others

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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1 John 4:9-10

⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that **God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.**

¹⁰ In this is love, **not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**