

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