

Exodus 20

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

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 to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and 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.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder. ¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Series: God's Story: Finding Our Place in His Unfolding Plan

Mar 19, 2017 – Exodus 20: How to Become God's Holy People

Fight or Flight

How is the Law connected to the story before and after? Think of Abraham and Jesus.

When confronted with these laws, is your natural impulse “fight” or “flight?” Would you avoid religion, or try your best at it?

A Picture of Holiness: Love for All

How does Jesus summarize the law? (Matthew 22:36-40) What is unique about #1-4? How do #5-10 go beyond other cultures?

Why, then, the Law?

Which words preceded the law? (Gen 1:27-28, Gal 3:16-18)

What does the law do for us? (Rom 3:19-20, Gal 3:19-23)

What is a Christian's relationship with the law? (Rom 6:6-7)

What is your response to Romans 4:3-8 – Relax? Religion?

Can the law enable us to be holy? (Romans 7:12-23)

How are Christians to live? (Romans 7:5-7, 8:2-4)

How does the law relate to Jesus? (Mat 5:17-18; Lk 24:27-46)

How has Jesus's work affected us? (Ephesians 2:13-17)

The Mirror

How have you viewed the law: Entry Requirements...Mirror... Instruction Manual...Guide to Christ?

*Confession and Communion can be good reminders of these truths: Psalm 139:23-24 – regularly invite God to examine your heart
Psalm 32:1-5 – regularly celebrate the relief of forgiveness!*

Next week: Exodus 20 – Sabbath: Resting in God's Work