



THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

HEARTS REVEALED

Series on 10 Commandments

1. Heart of God for Covenant People

a) Setting at Sinai

- slavery and agony

- spectacular deliverance

- Exd. 14:4 “⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.”
And they did so.

- Exodus 14:30-31 “Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses”

b) 3 Months of Object Lessons

- led them by fire and cloud
- fed them with manna daily 16:4

- water provided from rock – 17:1-7
- protected them from enemies – 17:8ff

c) God Reveals Himself

- Presence on the Mountain

- Promise to People – 19:4-6 “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

- response of people – 19:8-9 “⁸ All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.
⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

- preparation to meet with God – 10-15

- fire & smoke – 16-20

2. Heart Behind the Law

a) never meant to justify them

- tend to see it as a way to earn or deserve God's promise & presence

- Gal. 2:15-16 “¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

- Eph. 2:8-9 “⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

b) meant to

- distinguish them – Lev. 20:26

- restrain them

- diagnose the problem

- like an MRI exposes what's there

c) Reveals the Grace & Faithfulness of God

- psalm 19 “The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.”

3. Heart it is meant to Produce

a) love for God & others

- Rom. 13:8-10 “Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”

- Gal. 5:14 “For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.””

- Col 3:12-14 “Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

b) grace received & extended

- Matt. 6 “¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

- Matthew 18 – unforgiving debtor

So What

1. God's heart is for His children
 - we need to respond to his work for us
2. God has provided for us
 - law written on the heart
 - saved by grace through faith
3. God has revealed his desire for us
 - giving grace and provision
 - calling us to grace driven effort