

The Ten Commandments Purpose

Part 1

Exodus 20:1-11

1. Redeemed People Living Under God's Rule vs. 1-2

Since Yahweh had redeemed Israel from Egyptian slavery and the people of Israel have made their commitment to Him, God instructed His people how to live under His rule in preparation for entering the promise land as God's nation.

Through Jesus Christ we have become God's redeemed people who are committed to Him by living out His instructions so that we may freely live as God's redeemed.

Question:

The Ten Commandments does not provide salvation. Only those redeemed by God's saving grace through Jesus Christ are commanded to live within those commandments so that everyone may see that we are living under God's rule. When we witness people in the world breaking the commandments who are not living for Jesus, what responses or actions should we avoid so that the world would not think the ten commandments bring salvation?

2. Remembering & Protecting Yahweh's Identity vs. 3-11

The commandments to Israel were instruction to God's redeemed people in how to have healthy boundaries so they may freely love, praise and bring glory to Him while remembering who God is and properly representing Him to others.

Yahweh's instructions to us, as God's redeemed people, teaches us how we can live within healthy boundaries that empower us to truly love, praise and bring glory to our God while remembering who He is and properly representing Him to others.

a) Yahweh is Sovereign- The Only One to Worship vs. 3

Question:

Does your life's routine, words, and actions communicate that your allegiance is to the one and only sovereign God?

b) Yahweh is Loyal- Expects Loyalty in Return. Vs. 4-6

Question:

Is our focus each day on our loyal living God, or do we focus on earthly things that are temporary and lacking?

c) Yahweh is Personal- He Entrusts His Name to Us. Vs. 7**Reflection:**

Our focus should not be about non-Christians using God's name wrongly. Our focus needs to be on whether our behaviour and what we say empowers people to give God the honour and respect that He deserves.

d) Yahweh the Creator and Redeemer- Remembering God's Uniqueness vs. 8-11

For Israel, observing the Sabbath reminded them both of their identity as human beings working and resting within the patterns set by the creator of the earth and also of their history as a people living within the covenant relationship established by their redeemer (Deuteronomy 5:15).

Questions:

What does your weekly rhythm look like? What can you do each week to make sure you take time to rest? (Taking the time to remember that God is our Creator who gives us our identity, our purpose through His gift of being our redeemer.)

Main Idea:

The Ten Commandments are for God's redeemed people so they may understand how to...

- Live under God's rule
- Experience protection from living in rebellion
- Remember who our God is
- Live rightly so others may also give God the honour and respect that He deserves.