

**Behind The 10 Commandments**  
**Exodus 20:1-17**  
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As a parent, I always wanted to keep the NUMBER OF RULES in our home to a minimum - I figured, if God kept it to 10 commandments, I didn't need 50 RULES AT MY HOUSE!

But I also wanted my children to know WHY THOSE RULES EXISTED - So, as they GREW OLDER, I tried to help them UNDERSTAND WHY we had a particular rule in our home - I figured if I COULDN'T ARTICULATE why a rule existed, we DIDN'T NEED the rule to begin with!

For example, one of our rules was that you could ONLY EAT FOOD in the KITCHEN OR DINING ROOM - When asked why, it was because I didn't want ANTS IN THE HOUSE - I knew KIDS (like Adults) ARE MESSY and crumbs would get everywhere - So, we eat ONLY IN THE KITCHEN - Except on RARE SPECIAL OCCASIONS!

Another rule was that YOU CLEANED YOUR ROOM on Sunday afternoon before you were allowed to GO ANYWHERE OR DO ANYTHING! - Why? - Because we wanted the kids to clean their rooms AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK - We didn't REQUIRE IT every day - but once a week, IT HAD TO BE DONE!

If I walked by their room DURING THE WEEK and it was a DISASTER ZONE, I just pulled the door closed and walked away! - I TOOK SOLACE in the fact that it would GET CLEANED on Sunday.

UNDERSTANDING WHY the rule was there, was AS IMPORTANT to me as the rule itself - The rule WERE TO TEACH THEM to value things that they MAY NOT UNDERSTAND as a child - I wanted them to know that CERTAIN ISSUES IN LIFE really matter - They MAKE LIFE better - Simply put, **rules are a WAY TO TEACH!**

Well, God has some rules for HIS FAMILY AS WELL - and He only has 10 - And I have come to realize THERE IS A PURPOSE FOR each one of them - God has an IMPORTANT REASON for each of His commandments.

God didn't put these rules in place to SPOIL OUR FUN - He put them in place to teach us TO VALUE THINGS - CERTAIN IDEAS - CONCEPTS that our society needs in order TO THRIVE & SURVIVE.

So this morning let's EXAMINE GOD'S 10 COMMANDMENTS - and let's look closely at the UNDERLYING REASON behind each one - Like my teenage children, I think we are MORE LIKELY TO FOLLOW God's rules when we understand WHY THEY EXIST.

### **Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying:**

First of all, take note that THESE RULES CAME straight from the MOUTH & HEART of God - Moses didn't get these by means of AN INTERMEDIARY - God said, **“Moses, I'm going to give you these myself! - I'll say them OUT LOUD - then I will write them down on a stone table for you! - These are IMPORTANT!”**

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

PLEASE NOTICE an important fact God reminds them of BEFORE HE GIVES them these commandment - He reminds them that HE HAD SAVED THEM out of bondage in Egypt - He SAVED THEM BEFORE He had any expectation that they could or would FOLLOW HIS DIRECTIONS!

This morning, I want to be CLEAR RIGHT UP FRONT about something - Following the 10 commandments WILL NOT SAVE YOU - God's work of salvation comes ONLY THROUGH THE WORK of Jesus - We are saved by FAITH IN THE WORK of Jesus on that Cross - and THAT ALONE.

He SACRIFICED HIS LIFE so that we could be saved - By faith, we TRUST THAT that sacrifice SATISFIED GOD - We can stand before Him TOTALLY FORGIVEN because of the DEATH & RESURRECTION OF HIS SON!

But once we are saved, THERE ARE RULES that exist in GOD'S FAMILY - According to the NT, these rules were established to HELP US LOVE God and love each other - AS BELIEVERS, they are not to be BURDENSOME TO US - **1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.**

When we have EXPERIENCED GOD'S GRACE and we FEEL HIS LOVE, keeping the FAMILY RULES will not be a BURDEN TO US - We keep them because we UNDERSTAND THEY EXIST to protect us - We know that they are there to GUIDE US in how to walk in a way that pleases OUR FATHER!

In verse 3, the HOUSE RULES BEGIN: **3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.**

This FIRST COMMANDMENT is declaring that we should NOT MAKE A PLACE IN OUR LIVES for anything that would RIVAL GOD'S RIGHTFUL PLACE - He is to be OUR FATHER - the one WE TRUST IN - the one we DEPEND ON - the one we BOW TO in worship - the one we REVERE ABOVE all others.

"Other gods" are things WE TRUST IN THAT REPLACE the true GOD - When you are IN TROUBLE, to whom do you turn for help? - When you are in NEED OF FORGIVENESS, what do you trust in to FIND IT?

When you NEED DIRECTION OR WISDOM, where do you look? - For all of these issues, GOD WANTS TO BE the one we seek first - This is why Jesus exhorted us to **"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things will be added to you."**

The god we trust is the ONE WE TURN TO FIRST - Our Heavenly Father wants that to BE THAT ONE - AND THAT ONE ALONE! - This is THE HEART of the first Commandment.

The "WHY" behind this Commandment IS SIMPLY THIS: **When we trust in OTHER GODS, we are trusting in things THAT OFFER FALSE HELP and FALSE HOPE!**

False gods give FALSE WISDOM - False gods MAKE FALSE PROMISES - False gods offer a FALSE FORGIVENESS!

The one TRUE & LIVING GOD offers a HOPE THAT IS REAL - a forgiveness that is ETERNAL - and wisdom that IS AGELESS & TRUSTWORTHY.

God wants OUR TOTAL TRUST because He knows that HE ALONE OFFERS THE FIRM FOUNDATION that will not be shaken in this UNSTABLE WORLD!

This Commandment BOLDLY DECLARES that there is only ONE TRUE GOD - That true God seeks TO PROTECTS US from the false promises of false gods - This Commandment is all about OUR PROTECTION from a LYING, DECEIVING ENEMY!

Our SECOND HOUSE RULE is found in verse 4 - **"You shall not make for yourself a carved image--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; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

This Second Commandment declares that we should not make ANY VISUAL IMAGE OF ALMIGHTY GOD - This commandment prohibits us from doing TWO THINGS:

First, it stops us from CREATING OUR OWN GOD - One that looks like something we SEE IN NATURE - A god we can CONTROL & MANIPULATE - a god we can SEE & TOUCH - A god that will let us do WHAT WE DESIRE.

Second, it prohibits us from making the ETERNAL, INVISIBLE God into a PHYSICAL IMAGE that only DIMINISHES WHO He really is - Jesus declared, **"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth!" (John 4:24)** - When we try to make GOD VISIBLE, we only MAKE HIM SMALLER.

But so many want a god THEY CAN SEE & TOUCH - It is so much EASIER TO WORSHIP a god we can see - An IMAGE we can FOCUS ON is easier to worship - but God is Spirit and He wants us to learn to WORSHIP IN SPIRIT!

When we have to have a CROSS IN THE ALTER - or a PICTURE OF JESUS on the wall - or an EXTRAVAGANT CATHEDRAL in order to worship God, WE ARE VIOLATING this Second Commandment - It takes faith to BOW & WORSHIP AN INVISIBLE God that we can't focus our eyes on!

BUT, we must learn to see Him with the EYES OF FAITH - We must learn to FOCUS OUR SPIRIT towards Him - and this REQUIRES FAITH - and it is NOT EASY - but God didn't want it TO BE EASY - He wanted it to BE REAL - to be a SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE - not a physical one!

When we truly experience WORSHIP IN SPIRIT - in other words, when our spirit TOUCHES GOD'S SPIRIT, it is a REMARKABLE MOMENT - it is a moment Peter described with the phrase, **"JOY INEXPRESSIBLE"**!

In **1 Peter 1:8** **"Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory!"** - This is THE HEART of the Second Commandment - It is to point us to TRUE, SPIRITUAL WORSHIP of the true and living God!

Notice, God declares Himself to be "a JEALOUS GOD" - Literally in the Hebrew it is a **"passionate God"** - His love for us is BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING - Much like a child can't understand the LOVE OF A PARENT, we can't really grasp the DEPTH OF GOD'S LOVE for us - He loves us PASSIONATELY!

This phrase, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me**, SOUNDS HARSH - simply means THE PRICE FOR REJECTING God's love is a COSTLY CHOICE that often lasts for GENERATIONS - Children with believing parents are much more likely to LOVE GOD.

Likewise, children with UNBELIEVING PARENTS WHO HATE GOD, are much more likely to REJECT GOD'S LOVE - and the cost of this choice IS OFTEN PAIN AND SUFFERING that is passed on for generations!

But, so can GOD'S LOVE & MERCY be felt for generations - Yes, every new generation MUST CHOOSE to follow the Lord - but this choice is SO MUCH EASIER when mom and dad LOVE HIM - I THANK GOD every day for PARENTS WHO FOLLOWED THE LORD!

The Third Commandment is found in verse 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.**

When most people think of the Commandment, they think of PROFANITY - Using God's Name in a PROFANE WAY - Certainly, this is WRONG and the Scripture is clear that - In Eph. 4:29 Paul wrote, **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.**

Using Jesus' Name as a SLANG WORD when we are angry or frustrated is a TERRIBLE THING - Certainly it is a VIOLATION of this Third Commandment.

But, this FAMILY RULE has a much more PROFOUND MEANING - It speaks more of MISREPRESENTING GOD - **To take His Name in a vain way is to DO SOME SINFUL, SELF-SERVING ACT, and to say you are ACTING ON GOD'S BEHALF!**

It is to DECLARE YOU LOVE GOD, but then you TREAT OTHERS in a way that is MANIPULATIVE OR UNJUST - in essence, this commandment OUTLAWS HYPOCRISY - and wasn't this the thing that Jesus SPOKE OUT AGAINST so often.

This was HIS GREATEST INDICTMENT against the Pharisees - They claimed to REPRESENT GOD, while at the same time BURDENING THE PEOPLE with rules and regulations that were not from God! - Jesus RAILED AGAINST them for this misrepresentation of His Father.

This Commandment exists because GOD HATES TO BE MISQUOTED OR MISREPRESENTED - If we claim to be HIS FOLLOWERS, then our actions MUST BE IN LINE with His WORD & His HEART!

The Fourth Commandment is there in verse 8 - **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.**

**For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.**

I believe this commandment was given primarily to PROTECT US FROM OURSELVES - Remember in the Garden of Eden, the first thing God did for Adams was to GIVE HIM A JOB - God put him to work TENDING THE GARDEN.

God has placed within all of us a CERTAIN JOY & FULFILLMENT in work - in ACCOMPLISHMENT - Yes, the CURSE STOLED some of the Joy - but we still FINE SATISFACTION IN WORK - So much so that we are PRONE TO WORK TO EXCESS!

If left to himself, many would work 16 HOURS A DAY - 7 days a week - We would NEVER SLOW DOWN - it might not all be AT A JOB where we are BEING PAID - but he will WORK AT SOMETHING! - it might just be A SPORT OR A HOBBY - but we will STAY BUSY!

In order to PROTECT US from ourselves, God made a rule that REQUIRES US TO STOP one day in seven - In God's Family, every 7th day is DECLARED A REST DAY - We are to STOP WORKING and to focus on the family.

We are to SPEND TIME with our HEAVENLY FATHER - and we are to spend time with our EARTHLY BROTHERS & SISTERS - it is to be a DAY OF REST & WORSHIP - it is one day in seven WE SET ASIDE for rejuvenation.

In the NT, we are told that JESUS HAS BECOME our Sabbath Day rest - In one sense, BELIEVING IN JESUS has fulfilled the Sabbath Day Law - but in another sense, we still NEED THE PROTECTION it provides.

We still need REGULAR REST - We still need A REGULAR, WEEKLY TIME OF CORPORATE WORSHIP - This is why the writer of Hebrews tell us in **Heb. 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**

Look at the REASONS IT IS IMPORTANT - We stir of LOVE & GOOD WORKS in one another - We ENCOURAGE one another - We SLOW DOWN long enough to give to God THE PRAISE that is due His Name - We GROW IN FAITH as we study & worship together.

Sundays force us to CHANGE OUR ROUTINE - They remind us that FAMILY MATTERS - that FRIENDS MATTER - that HONORING & WORSHIPING Jesus matters.

I hope you obey this Commandment and take a SABBATH REST - Part of living in GOD'S FAMILY is that we take one day in Seven to REST & WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP - It helps us both PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY!

ONE WORD OF WARNING - Don't turn this into SOME KIND OF BURDENSOME LAW - Remember, the Sabbath was MADE FOR MAN - Man was not made for the Sabbath - God is simply trying to MAKE YOUR LIFE BETTER - He is trying to help you CONTROL YOURSELF - COOPERATE with Him - Make a SABBATH DAY a regular part of your life.

Verse 12 says, "**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you**".

This Fifth Commandment is there to remind us TO VALUE & RESPECT AUTHORITY - To HONOR mom and dad is to give to them APPROPRIATE RESPECT because of the position they hold in our lives.

God cares about our SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY - **He knows that we DON'T REALLY SUBMIT TO HIM if we don't submit to the authorities He has placed in our lives** - And Mom and Dad are the FIRST AUTHORITIES we are placed under in this life.

Most of us UNDERSTAND THIS COMMAND as it relates to children before adulthood - Where WE GET CONFUSED is how this applies to us as ADULT CHILDREN - Are we still under the authority of our parents once we are INDEPENDENT OF THEM?



The answer is NO - If you are TOTALLY INDEPENDENT of your parents - in other words, you are NOT FINANCIALLY TAKING from them, then you are NOT UNDER THEIR AUTHORITY - But, you are still REQUIRED BY GOD to honor and respect them.

You HONOR THE POSITION they hold in your life - They are your parents - They may or may not be RESPECTABLE PEOPLE - But, you honor and respect them because of the POSITION THEY HOLD.

This doesn't mean you are bound TO DO WHAT THEY SAY - It means you TREAT THEM with a CERTAIN LEVEL of respect - You don't MISTREAT THEM - You don't HARM THEM - You don't ABANDON THEM if they are in need of your help.

You recognize that AUTHORITY IS IMPORTANT to God - And this is all about MAINTAINING SOME AUTHORITATIVE STRUCTURE in your life.

It is also about MAINTAINING FAMILY SUPPORT for each other - The supportive family was and is God's answer to SOCIAL WELFARE - It is God's FIRST LINE of defense in HELPING THE HELPLESS.

Remember, MOST GOVERNMENTS didn't have Social Security as a safety net - First and foremost, HELP & SUPPORT is to BE FOUND IN THE FAMILY - Children and the elderly are two groups THAT REALLY NEED FAMILY - This commandment is the RULE THAT HOLDS that family structure together - We need to honor our parents.

It is the one commandment that COMES WITH A PROMISE - **that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you** - A STRONG, HEALTHY FAMILY is one of the keys to a LONG LIFE!

**God knows that any NATION IS ONLY AS STRONG as the families that make up that nation** - we HAVE WITNESSED THE WEAKENING of our nation as the family structure in this country HAS DISINTEGRATED - And the family has been weakened by the DISRESPECT FOR AUTHORITY that permeates our society - May God help us to EMBRACE THIS VITAL command.

The SIXTH COMMANDMENT says, **13 "You shall not murder."** - Four simple words that TEACH US TO VALUE LIFE - That is what this commandment is all about - God CREATED LIFE - and every life is VALUED BY HIM.

The commandment does not say, **You shall not kill** - These are two VERY DIFFERENT words in the Hebrew language - There were MANY PLACES in the Bible where GOD ORDAINED KILLING - But in each place HE TOOK LIVES because He valued life.

**Murder is the INTENTIONAL, PREMEDITATED TAKING of innocent life**  
- Think of HOW DIFFERENT our country would be if this one commandment was followed.

Yet, we have become a culture of MASS TAKING of innocent lives - whether it be THROUGH ABORTION - or through MASS SHOOTINGS at a school, church or business - IN MANY CASES the shooter DOES NOT EVEN KNOW the innocent people he is slaughtering.

WHY is this happening? - Because our country NO LONGER VALUES life - We take the lives of millions of INNOCENT CHILDREN in the womb - We teach YOUNG STUDENTS that they are no more than EVOLVED ANIMALS - No longer are children RAISED TO BELIEVE they are created in the IMAGE OF GOD and that their LIVES HAVE PURPOSE.

God gave this 6th Commandment to INGRAIN IN OUR MINDS that the life of every person matters - God VALUES LIFE - We should as well.

The next commandment is verse 14, **"You shall not commit adultery."** - This 7th commandment declares that GOD VALUES MARRIAGE & FAMILY!

NO SINGLE ACT will destroy a marriage quicker than the SIN OF ADULTERY - It SO GREATLY INJURES a marital relationship that Jesus declared it to be the ONE ACCEPTABLE REASON for divorce - It DESTROYS THE HEART of the marriage covenant which is TRUST.

Marriage matters to God for MANY REASONS - it is a picture HE PAINTS of His relationship with HIS CHURCH - It gives us a HEALTHY PLACE to express OUR SEXUAL DESIRES with a person in a relationship where there is LOVE & COMMITMENT - and it provides a SAFE & SECURE place for children to GROW UP & EXPERIENCE LOVE.

Marriage is THE BACKBONE of the family - and family is the BACKBONE OF SOCIETY - This commandment PROTECTS THE HEART of our society - without STRONG MARRIAGES everything around us will ULTIMATELY FAIL.

PROTECT your marriage with all the STRENGTH YOU POSSESS - Set up BOUNDARIES you will not cross when it comes to RELATIONSHIPS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX - Don't think you are the EXCEPTION.

**You put yourself in the RIGHT PLACE, at the RIGHT TIME, with the RIGHT PERSON and you will break this commandment!**

Like all of GOD'S RULES, this one is there TO PROTECT YOU - Don't think you are SMARTER THAN GOD.

VERSE 15 tell us, **"You shall not steal."** - In this SIMPLE STATEMENT, God communicates to us the RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP - That people have the right to PRIVATE PROPERTY - That God gives us POSSESSIONS & MAKES US RESPONSIBLE for them.

Certainly we are CALL TO SHARE & TO GIVE - Yes, there is a GREAT BLESSING IN GIVING away some of what is given to us - But, NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT to come and take what God has given to someone else.

In the Book of Ephesians Paul says to the thief, **(Eph 4:28) Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.**

Paul says to the Christian, DON'T STEAL . . . WORK! - Work in order that you may OBTAIN THINGS - Why? - So that you can SHARE WITH OTHERS!

In this verse we see WHY GOD HAS ALLOWED private ownership - it is so that we can GIVE OF OUR RESOURCES to those in need!

If I don't OWN IT, I can't give it away! - If I don't have CONTROL OVER THINGS, I can't direct WHERE THEY GO - So, DON'T STEAL - Get a job - Go to work - Accumulate wealth for THE PURPOSES of taking care of YOUR FAMILY - and second, so you have SOMETHING TO GIVE to those in need - This is the HEART OF GOD.

The 9th Commandment says, **16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** - Specifically this commandment was CONDEMNING THOSE WHO WOULD LIE in a court of Law - it is a PROHIBITION AGAINST false testimony on the witness stand.

But the UNDERLYING THOUGHT is that we must be PEOPLE WHO ARE TRUTHFUL with one another - Here God places a VALUE ON HONESTY & INTEGRITY - We are to be people WHO CAN BE TRUSTED.

We humans have a DEFAULT TOWARDS TRUTH - this is what MAKES SOCIETY WORK - I have to TRUST OTHERS or I could not function in this world - Think about what life would be like if you TRUSTED NO ONE?

Would you really DRIVE THAT 3,000 pound car that someone you don't know built? - Would you eat the STEAK AT LONGHORNS that was cooked by a person you HAVE NEVER MET - Would you allow yourself to be PUT TO SLEEP by a doctor that you have KNOWN FOR 5 MINUTES before they stick that needle in your arm?

We have to TRUST PEOPLE in order to function as a society - this is why LYING IS SO DANGEROUS - It communicates to others that YOU CAN'T BE TRUSTED - You are DISHONEST - You are a LIAR!

Again in Ephesians 4:25, Paul says, **"Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another."**

Notice, we are NOT TO LIE to each other because we are MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER - in other words, we are CONNECTED & DEPENDENT on each other - and if this is the case, we must be able to TRUST EACH OTHER!

**I can love you and NOT TRUST YOU - but I can't DEPEND ON YOU as a friend and a brother if I don't trust you!**

Lastly, our 10th Commandment says, **17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."**

Coveting is a VERY DANGEROUS SIN - **The reason it is so dangerous is that ALL OUR ACTIONS BEGIN as thoughts in our minds and desires in our hearts.**

Thus, coveting my neighbors wife, LEADS TO ADULTERY - Coveting my neighbors car, LEADS TO STEALING - or it LEADS TO DEBT that I can't afford to repay - which is ANOTHER FORM of stealing!

But, what is the "VALUE" GOD IS EXPRESSING in the Commandment - It is the IMPORTANCE OF CONTENTMENT - it is GOD TELLING ME that I need to be happy and content with the BLESSINGS HE HAS sent my way - I can't be CONSTANTLY WANTING what He has given to others!

Contentment is an EXPRESSION OF FAITH - It is an EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE - When I realize ALL THAT I HAVE is an undeserved gift from God, I AM THANKFUL for what I have - Gratitude keeps me FROM FOCUSING on the things I don't have.

Contentment is also REALIZING & ACKNOWLEDGING that more stuff will not make me happy - Real JOY & HAPPINESS in this life comes from relationships and accomplishments - not from ACQUIRING STUFF!

When I LOVE OTHERS and seek to BLESS THEM, I find contentment - When I WORK HARD and "tend the garden" that God has placed me in, I find contentment.

When I sit around JEALOUSLY DESIRING what others have, I commit the SIN OF COVETOUSNESS! - **I waste my life away WANTING WHAT I DON'T HAVE and I never enjoy the wonderful things I do have.**

What a SAD TRAP is covetousness - And it is a trap that DOES NOT DEPEND on what we have - POOR people covet - and RICH PEOPLE covet - In the life there is always someone who has SOMETHING WE DON'T HAVE!

The REMEDY for covetousness is THANKFULNESS - If you struggle with this commandment, START EACH DAY by thanking God for what you do have - Instead of LOOKING AT THOSE who have more, STOP AND LOOK AROUND at all those who have less!

Trust me when I say, most of us WILL NOT HAVE TO LOOK FAR to find many people with FAR LESS than what God has BLESSED US WITH!

Well, there we have GOD'S 10 COMMANDMENTS to us - These are His HOUSE RULES for living in His family - And HOW GOOD IS LIFE when we live it with THESE BOUNDARIES - God created life and HE KNOWS BEST how it should be lived.

THESE 10 COMMANDMENTS TEACH US 10 THINGS THAT GOD VALUES:

1. That we TRUST GOD & GOD ALONE
2. That we WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT
3. That we RIGHTLY REPRESENT HIS NAME
4. That we PRIORITIES REST, WORSHIP & FAMILY each week
5. That we RESPECT AUTHORITY
6. That we value LIFE
7. That we value MARRIAGE & FAMILY
8. That we value the RIGHT TO OWNERSHIP & the RESPONSIBILITY that comes with it
9. That we value HONESTY & INTEGRITY
10. That we value CONTENTMENT