

The 10 Commandments Given to a New Generation

Deuteronomy 4:41-5:33

I. Introduction

- A. Interlude of Obedience (4:41-43 cp. Num. 35, Deut. 19)
- B. Introduction to the Second Sermon (4:44-5:5)

II. The Core of the Covenant – The 10 Commandments (5:6-21)

A. The Law and the New Covenant Believer

1. We are no longer “under” the Old Covenant (Gal. 3:23-35) because the New Covenant has come (see Eph. 2:14-15, Heb. 8:13).
2. But it is still part of God’s Word and reveals His character. Thus, it has application to us (either directly or indirectly).
 - a. Ask, “How do I see God’s character on display? What remains unchanged and continues into the New Covenant?”
 - b. Ask, “How does the coming of Christ and the creation of a new covenant people (not nation) fulfill the laws I am reading? Are there principles that still apply today?”

B. Redemption Precedes Law (v. 6)

C. The Ten Commandments (v. 7-21)

1. Give full allegiance to God alone (7)
2. Do not make any images to worship God through – He is not part of creation (v. 8-10)
3. Do not use the Lord’s name in vain (11, e.g., false prophets or putting his name on evil or something He has not promised)
4. Keep the sabbath holy (12-15)
5. Honor your parents (16)
6. Do not murder – value human life (17, see Gen. 9:6)
7. Do not commit adultery – fidelity in marriage (18)
8. Do not steal (19)
9. Do not bear false witness (20)
10. Do not covet (21)

III. The Solemn Fear & Responsibility of Hearing from God (5:22-33)

A. The Solemn Fear of Hearing from God (v. 22-27)

1. The people heard from God in the law (22)
2. This induces a reverent fear (23-27, compare with Hebrews 12:18-29)

B. Their Responsibility (and Need) After Hearing from God: A Heart that Always Fears God and Keeps all His Commandments (v. 28-33, compare Deut. 29:2-4, Ezk. 36:26-27)

IV. Conclusion

- A. **Grace is the foundation of a relationship with God.** Israel does not obey *so that* they can enter into a relationship with God. They are shown grace, and they are to live in light of that.
- B. **Jesus is a better mediator because He is the substance (the reality) that Moses was foreshadowing** (compare Deut. 5:5 with 1 Tim. 2:5, Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12: 24. See also John 14:9, 23).