

At the Foot of the Mountain

Exodus Chapters 19-24

God Speaks to Moses

‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

Ex 19:4-6 (NASB 2020)

So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do!” And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

Ex 19:7-8 (NASB 2020)

The Right Order

Saving grace



**I carried you on
eagles' wings**



Obedience



commandments



Blessings



**His possession,
kingdom of priests
and a holy nation**

“we will”

Mount Sinai

Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the entire mountain quaked violently. When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him with thunder.

Ex 19:18-19 (NASB 2020)

The Ten Commandments

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, inflicting the punishment of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing favor to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; on it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male slave or your female slave, or your cattle, or your resident who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; for that reason the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male slave, or his female slave, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

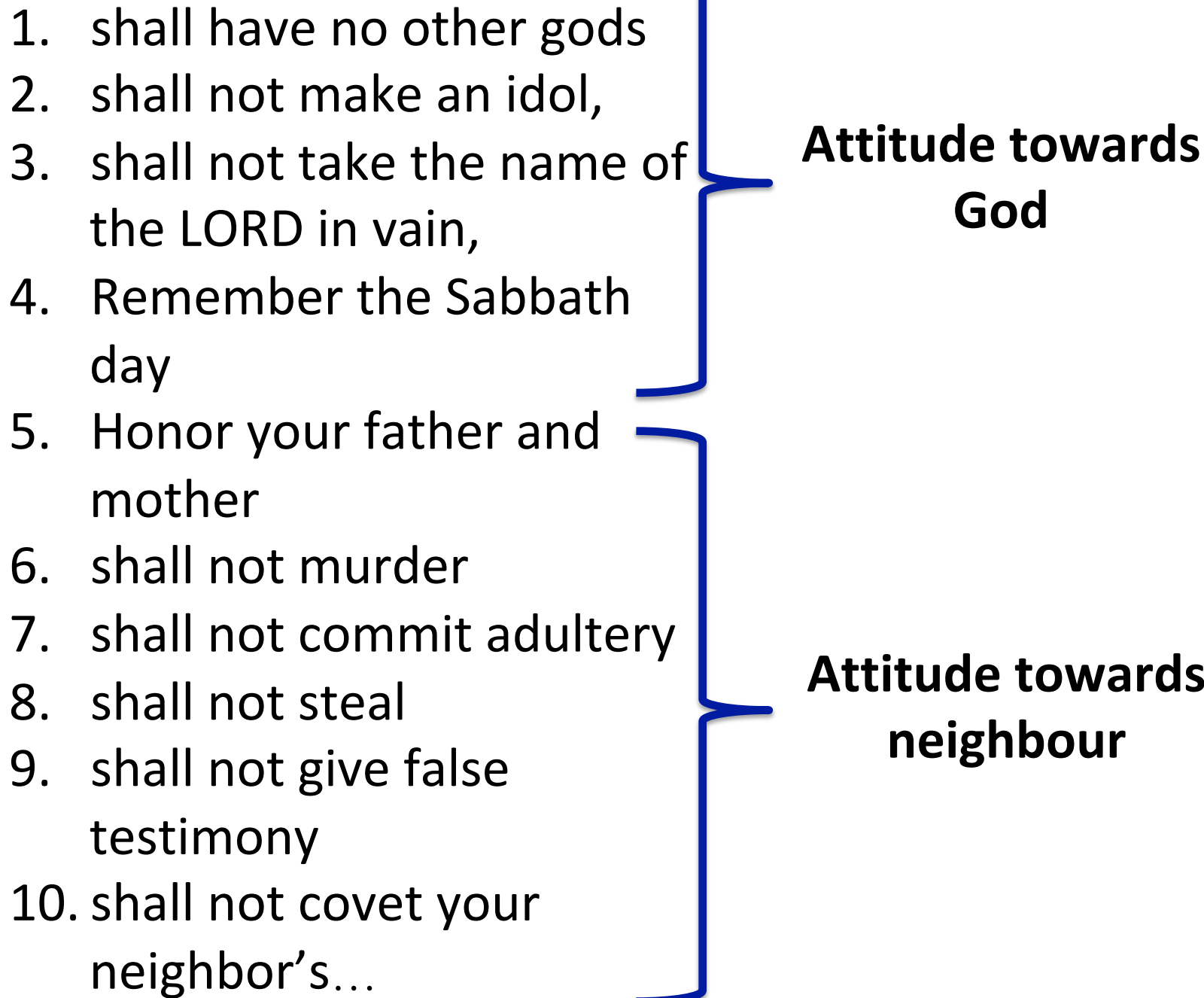
The People Tremble

Then they said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but do not have God speak to us, or we will die!”

Ex 20:19 (NASB 2020)

**Moses: a mediator
between God and the people**

1. shall have no other gods
2. shall not make an idol,
3. shall not take the name of the LORD in vain,
4. Remember the Sabbath day
5. Honor your father and mother
6. shall not murder
7. shall not commit adultery
8. shall not steal
9. shall not give false testimony
10. shall not covet your neighbor's...



**Attitude towards
God**

The diagram features two large blue curly braces on the right side. The top brace groups the first four commandments (1-4) under the heading 'Attitude towards God'. The bottom brace groups the remaining six commandments (5-10) under the heading 'Attitude towards neighbour'.

**Attitude towards
neighbour**

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10. shall not covet your neighbor's...

LOVE THE LORD YOUR
GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART, AND WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL, AND WITH
ALL YOUR MIND AND
WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF

**Upon these two
commandments hang the
whole Law and the Prophets**

Curve Balls

Jesus – you can not serve two masters, you can't serve both God and wealth (money)

Paul – treat your earthly body as dead to ... greed, which amount to idolatry



Jesus - But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be answerable to the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be answerable to the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

Further Instruction / Ordinances

- treatment of Hebrew slaves,
- interpersonal conflict and the consequences of specific actions,
- punishment if a person's ox gores someone,
- property rights (animals, land, farming, vineyards, care of other peoples' possessions), and
- various other laws on what people were to do or not do.

Further Instruction / Ordinances - 2

- Sabbath
 - Land given a rest on the 7th year
 - People given a rest on the 7th day
- Celebrate three feasts
 - unleavened bread
 - the Harvest
 - the Ingathering

Emphasis on Serve Him and Him Only

Moses Sprinkles the Blood

Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it as the people listened; and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!” So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Ex 24:6-8 (NASB 2020)

Moses on the Mountaintop

And to the eyes of the sons of Israel, the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top. Then Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Ex 24:17-18 (NASB 2020)

Blood of the Covenant

For a covenant is valid only when people are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives. Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU." And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. And almost all things are cleansed with blood, according to the Law, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

He 9:17-22(NASB 2020)

The Law

Hebrews 10:1 For the Law, since it **has only a shadow of the good things to come** and not the form of those things itself, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually every year, make those who approach perfect.

Hebrews 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

The Law - 2

After saying above, “SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND OFFERINGS FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE IN THEM” (which are offered according to the Law), then He said, “BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

Hebrews 10:8-10

The Mountain

For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words, which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. ...

He 12:18-19 (NASB 2020)

The Mediator

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Heb 12:22-24 (NASB (2020))

Kept

Didn't

No other God

No idols

No name in vain

Honour parents

Sabbath

**You can't earn
your way into
heaven**

**Passing
Grade
= 100%**

Saving Grace

God's plan:

- Sent His Son
- Offers a “free pass” from death to life
- Repent of our sin, acknowledge Jesus, make Him Saviour and Lord

**Jesus is God's saving grace
come down to earth for us**

Obedience

- A response to God's grace
- motivated by love and gratitude
- we're still prone to stumbling and falling
- follow God's leading, seek His will
- Put God first in all things
- Read God's word

Blessings

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by people, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Pe 2:4-5 (NASB 2020)

You Are...

But you are A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

1Pe 2:9-10 (NASB 2020)

In Closing...

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

