

Bible Study October 15, 2025

Exodus 20: 12-26

5. Honor your father and your mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
10. You shall not covet

Treat your parents with honor and respect. Read Ex. 21: 15;17; Mark 7: 1-13; Eph. 6:1-3; I Tim. 5:4 This is only commandment with a specific promise attached – that your days may be long – Read Dt. 5:16 “that it may go well with you”

Commandments 6-8 present general prohibitions that must exist in a moral and just society. The Hebrew verb for murder used here is “ratsakh” - unlawful killing of another person, or death through careless or negligent behavior. Even in cases of accidental death, a provision was given to prevent additional bloodshed – Read Dt. 19: 4-6; Numbers 35: 22-25. The verb used for murder is never used in the OT of killing in war – Harag – animals or humans, Qatal – Job and Psalms, also Mut. Read Lev. 19:18

Read Dt. 6: 4-9; Lev. 19:33-34; Mt. 5: 21-24, 27-28; Mt. 5: 21-48 (Jesus Sermon on the Mount)

You shall not bear false witness – Read Ex. 23:1-3; Proverbs 6:16-19, 12:22, 19:5, 9

We are to reflect God’s righteousness and justice in our dealing with others.

Read 2 Samuel 12: 1-14

The tenth commandment deals with issues of the heart. The previous four are actions. To covet can lead to murder, stealing, lying, adultery. Coveting can be the same as idolatry.

Read Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5

Exodus 20: 18-21 The last thunder and lightning Israel had experienced was in Egypt with the plague of hail. God was testing them to fear and trust Him. Read Dt. 6: 1-25

Exodus 20: 22-26 Read also Ex. 23: 10-19

God instructs Israel in proper worship.