

## **The Ten Commandments: Principles for a Saved People**

1. “Open Mike”
2. Review of the foundation and purpose of the Law
3. *Torah* and *Covenant*

### **God Desires a *Covenant* Relationship with His People**

#### **I. God Desires Faithfulness (Deut.5:6-10)**

— Love, allegiance, and dedication are foundational to the Relationship. If God doesn't have their heart, He doesn't have anything at all.

— God is a person and He is not indifferent to unfaithfulness. He cherishes His marriage and He will not stand by passively in the event of an affair.

— Wrath is not the Opposite of Love. The opposite of Love is apathy. Wrath is born out of betrayed Love.

— God desires an exclusive, marriage Relationship.

#### **II. God Desires Honor and Respect (Deut.5:11)**

— You don't slander someone whom you love and respect. The integrity, reputation, and character of one's spouse is to be protected, not abused.

— God's people are to honor and represent Him in their words and their actions. Their life is a testimony about their God to the other nations.

#### **III. God Desires Fellowship and Quality Time (Deut.5:12-15)**

— God gives the Sabbath as a day set apart for fellowship and rest.

— Israel is to Remember what it was like in Egypt. They were slaves without rest. But God gave them rest. “Do unto others as God has done unto you.”

— The Sabbath was intended to be a day of blessing, but the Jews made it into a curse. They developed a legalistic relationship with the law and neglected their relationship with the law-giver. They added to the Law and made life miserable and unbearable with their rigid rules.

— “Rules without Relationship leads to Rebellion.”

— Jesus reintroduced the Jews to the true Sabbath: healing, rest, and relationship.  
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. (Mk.2:27)

\*\* God does not just give rules and commands. He gives himself and expects Israel to respond in whole-hearted commitment. God desires a *covenant* relationship.

\*\* The same is true of His people today. Jesus Christ died on the cross to restore a broken *Relationship* between us and God.

\*\*\* II Cor.5:14-21

How did Paul summarize his entire ministry? What did he consider to be the central purpose of the cross? Reconciliation: The restoring of a relationship between God and Man.

\*\*\* God calls us today to have a renewed perspective of the cross. He calls us to a renewal of our covenant vows.

\*\*\* Let's be Reconciled to God!

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