

CHOSEN TO LIVE BY GOD'S PRINCIPLES

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."
Exodus 19:3-6 (NIV)

❖ God's Confirmations to Us through Mt. Sinai

1. God is the CREATOR.
2. God is the DESIGNER.
3. God is the DELIVERER.

❖ God's Character Revealed

And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery..."
Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

1. Put God FIRST.
"You shall have no other gods before me."

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."
Mark 12:30 (NIV)

2. No Subtle SUBSTITUTES.
You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Many exchange the truth about God for a lie; they worship and serve what God has created instead of the Creator himself.
Romans 1:25 (TEV)

3. Respect His NAME.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"You shall not swear by my name falsely or profane the name of thy God: I am Jehovah."
Leviticus 19:12 (ASV)

4. Take a BREAK.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

It is useless to rise early and go to bed late and work your worried fingers to the bone. Don't you know he enjoys giving rest to those He loves? Psalm 127:2 (MSG)

5. HONOR Your Parents.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

A child who mistreats his father and mother is a public disgrace.

Proverbs 19:26 (LB)

6. Honor Human LIFE.

“You shall not murder.”

We are not our own bosses to live and die as we ourselves might choose.

Romans 14:7 (LB)

7. Keep Your Marriage PURE.

“You shall not commit adultery.”

“You have heard it said, do not commit adultery. But I say that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)

8. Respect Another's PROPERTY.

“You shall not steal.”

Keep your lives free from the love of money, be content with what you have.

Hebrews 13:5

9. Speak the TRUTH.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.

Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

10. Be CONTENT.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

❖ The Ten Commandments are not just rules. They show us...

1. God is PRESENT.

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. ¹⁹ As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

Exodus 19:16-19 (NIV)

2. God is POWERFUL.

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Exodus 20:18-19 (NIV)

3. God is PREPARING.

Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

Exodus 20:20 (NIV)

(God said,) “You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Exodus 19:6