

CHOSEN TO LIVE BY GOD'S PRINCIPLES

Then God gave the people all these instructions: "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery."
Exodus 20:1-2

1. Worship ONLY GOD.

"You must not have any other god but me." Exodus 20:3

2. Don't idolize ANYTHING.

"You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. ⁵ You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected – even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. ⁶ But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands."
Exodus 20:4-6

3. Do not misuse God's NAME.

"You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name."
Exodus 20:7

4. Remember the SABBATH.

"Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ You have six days each week for your ordinary work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy."
Exodus 20:8-11

5. Honor your PARENTS.

"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you."
Exodus 20:12

6. Choose LIFE.

"You must not murder."
Exodus 20:13

7. Keep your marriage PURE.

"You must not commit adultery."
Exodus 20:14

8. Do not STEAL.

"You must not steal."
Exodus 20:15

9. Tell the TRUTH.

"You must not testify falsely against your neighbor."
Exodus 20:16

10. Learn to be CONTENT.

"You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."
Exodus 20:17

Three Ways to Apply God's Ten Commandments:

1. As a compass to DIRECT US.

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
Galatians 3:24

2. As a mirror to reveal the TRUTH ABOUT US.

...for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. Romans 3:19

3. As a road sign that POINTS us to JESUS.

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are

*made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And
this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.*

Romans 3:20-22