



## What are the Ten Commandments?

1<sup>st</sup> in the “10 Commandments” Series

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### Introduction

In this sermon we get an introduction to and overview of the Ten Commandments.

### The Text: Deuteronomy 4:9-14

<sup>9</sup> Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— <sup>10</sup> how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so. <sup>11</sup> And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. <sup>12</sup> Then the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. <sup>13</sup> And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. <sup>14</sup> And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.

1. The Ten Commandments reveal the heart of God’s Law.

Commandment One	<i>You shall have no other gods before me.</i>	] LOVE GOD
Commandment Two	<i>You shall not make for yourself a carved image.</i>	
Commandment Three	<i>You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.</i>	
Commandment Four	<i>Remember the Sabbath day.</i>	
Commandment Five	<i>Honor your father and mother.</i>	] LOVE NEIGHBOR
Commandment Six	<i>You shall not murder.</i>	
Commandment Seven	<i>You shall not commit adultery.</i>	
Commandment Eight	<i>You shall not steal.</i>	
Commandment Nine	<i>You shall not bear false witness.</i>	
Commandment Ten	<i>You shall not covet.</i>	

2. The Ten Commandments are the foundation of all God’s teachings in the Bible, and thus the Church.

3. The Ten Commandments direct Christians to the work of the Son and the goodness of the Father.

### Response

As we study the Ten Commandments, let us be ready to see how they point to Christ and the goodness of God.

## Sunday Text Questions for Deuteronomy 4:9-14 (“Ten Commandments” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: Can anyone say by memory the Ten Commandments?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) In this passage, Moses is reminding the people of the giving of the Law, the Ten Commandments, by God. How does v. 9 serve as preface and exhortation?
- 4) Based upon vv. 9-10, why should this event and God’s Laws be made known to the children and future generations, and how should or does the church obey such a command today?
- 5) How does v. 10 explain the purpose(s) of God’s Laws?
- 6) What is the significance of “fire” and “darkness, cloud, and gloom” in vv. 11-12, that is, what does it reveal about God?
- 7) Why did God reveal his “voice” but not his “form” in v. 12, and what is the message behind this intentional action on the part of God?
- 8) How are the Ten Commandments connected to God’s covenant with his people (v. 13)?
- 9) What does this statement mean: “In the Old Covenant, the Ten Commandments help us understand God’s *promise* that Christ will fulfill the law on our behalf?”
- 10) What about this statement: “In the New Covenant, the Ten Commandments help us properly *participate* in the grace of God and enjoy the fruits of life in Christ?”

**Further study this week:** Read the full context of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:1-20, focusing on two commandments each day: Commandments 1-2 (Mon), Commandments 3-4 (Tues); Commandments 5-6 (Wed); Commandments 7-8 (Thurs); Commandments 9-10 (Fri).